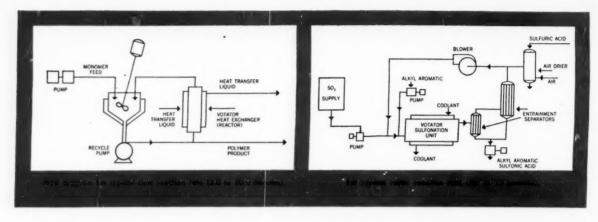
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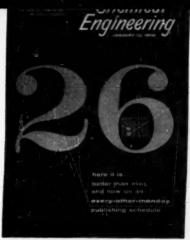
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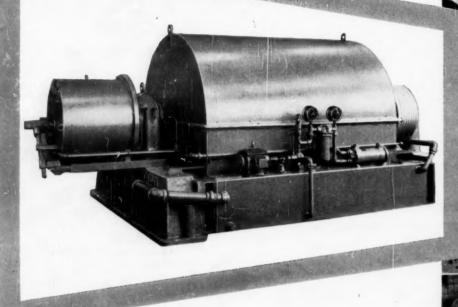
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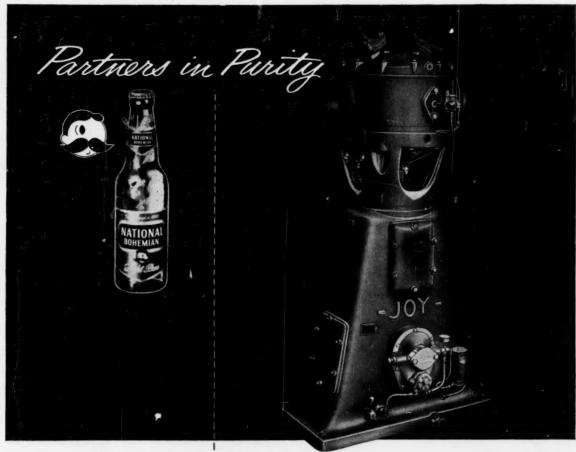
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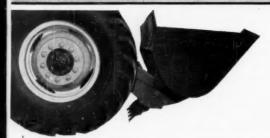
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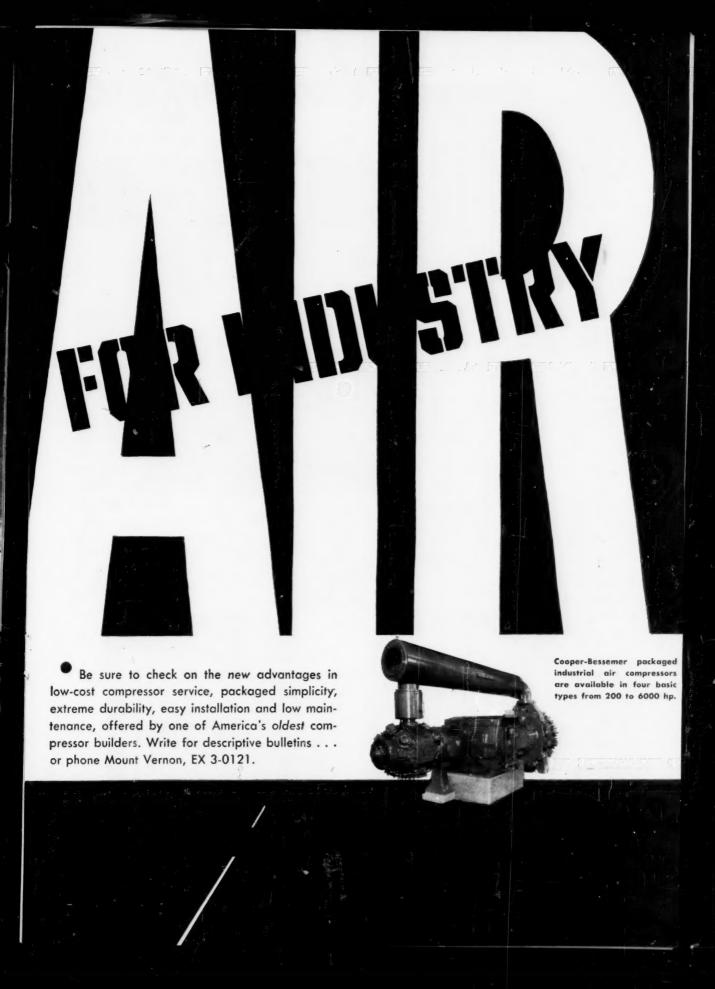
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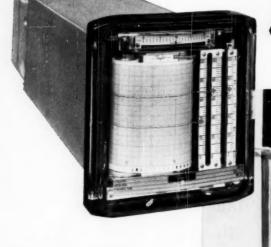
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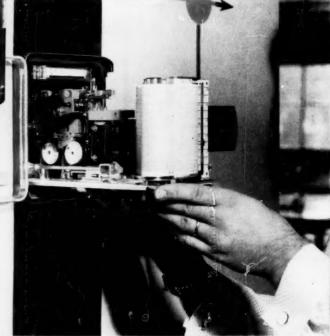


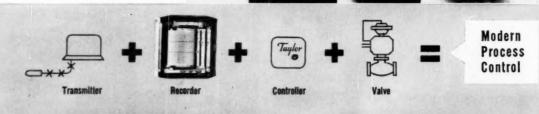


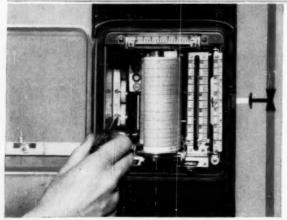
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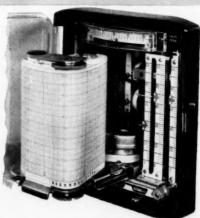
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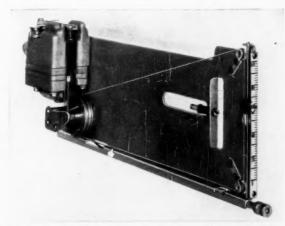
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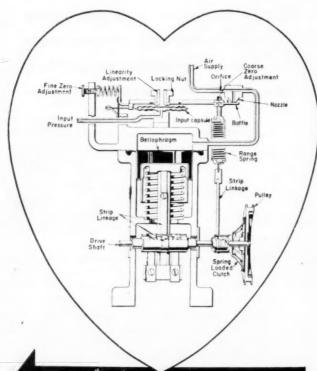
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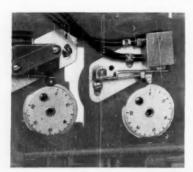


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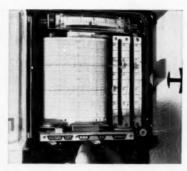
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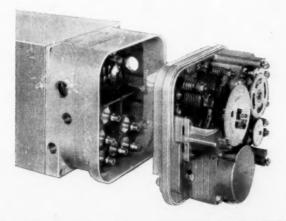
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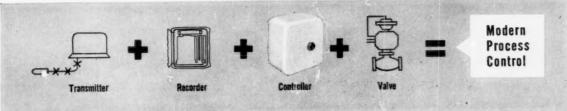
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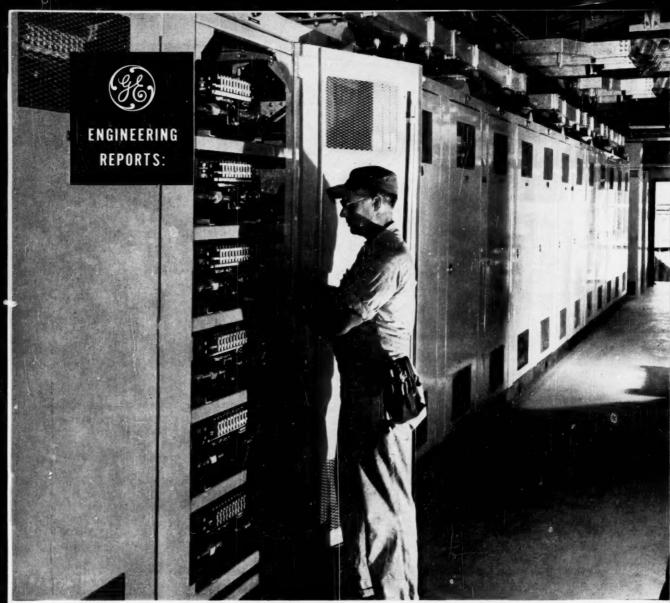
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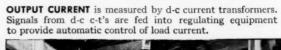
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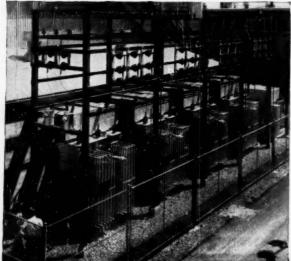


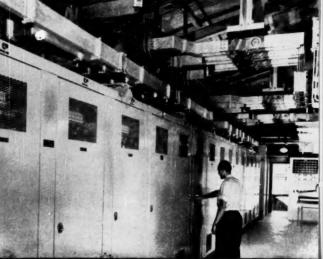


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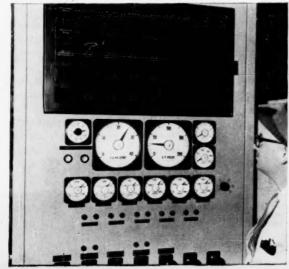
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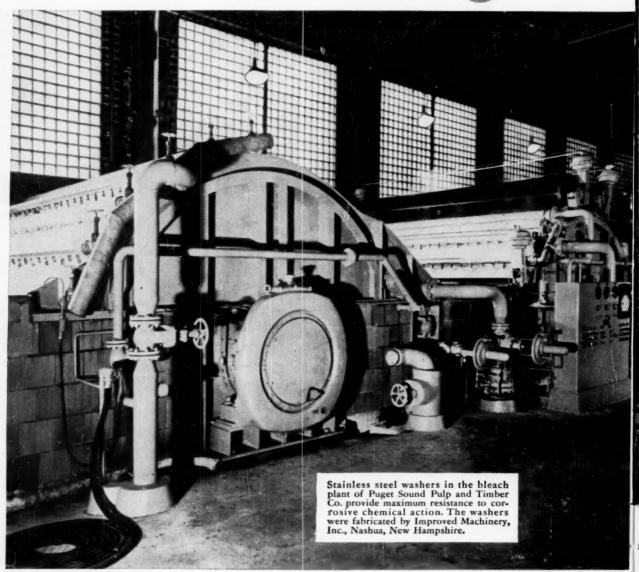
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KEEP PIPE COSTS IN LINE with tough. lightweight Republic Plastic Pipe. Blaw-Knox did in a cooling tower installation. Corrosive liquids were running up replacement costs. Piping lasted little more than a year. Other materials were tried, but initial costs proved too high. Then Blaw-Knox switched to Republic SRK—the corrosion-resistant plastic pipe that practically eliminates replacement costs. A similar job, installed three years ago, shows absolutely no signs of damage or wear. A substantial savings in material, installation and replacement cost was realized. Republic SRK is easily joined by simple solvent-welded sleeve-type fittings. Send coupon for complete facts.

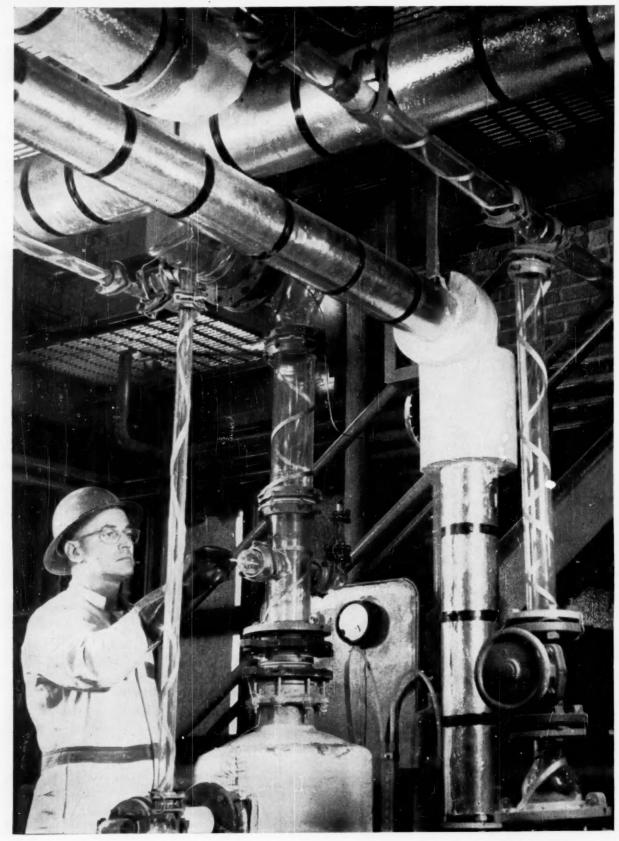


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Continuously driving brine pumps for olive-pitting operation, Westinghouse motors have helped cut production cost, improve product quality

"Westinghouse Life-Line 'A'® motors make possible the profitable functioning of the new pitting room in our olive canning plant," states Mr. William Carlson, Plant Superintendent at Bell Packing Corporation, Berkeley, California.

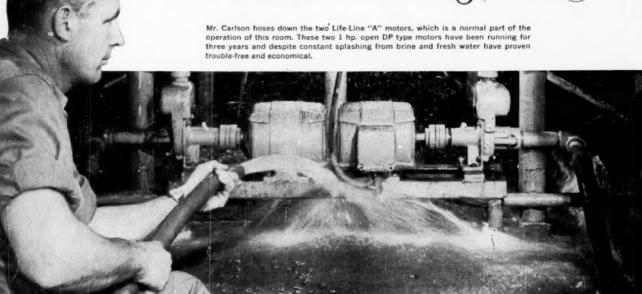
Mechanizing this operation has increased production 15% and released a good share of the normally required manpower for use elsewhere in the plant. In three years, Bell Packing reports a saving of \$13,500. In designing the area, Bell Packing Corporation considered the choice of motors for the brine pumps the most serious problem. Westinghouse 1 hp, Life-Line "A" motors were chosen on their record of long-term, trouble-free life under the toughest conditions.

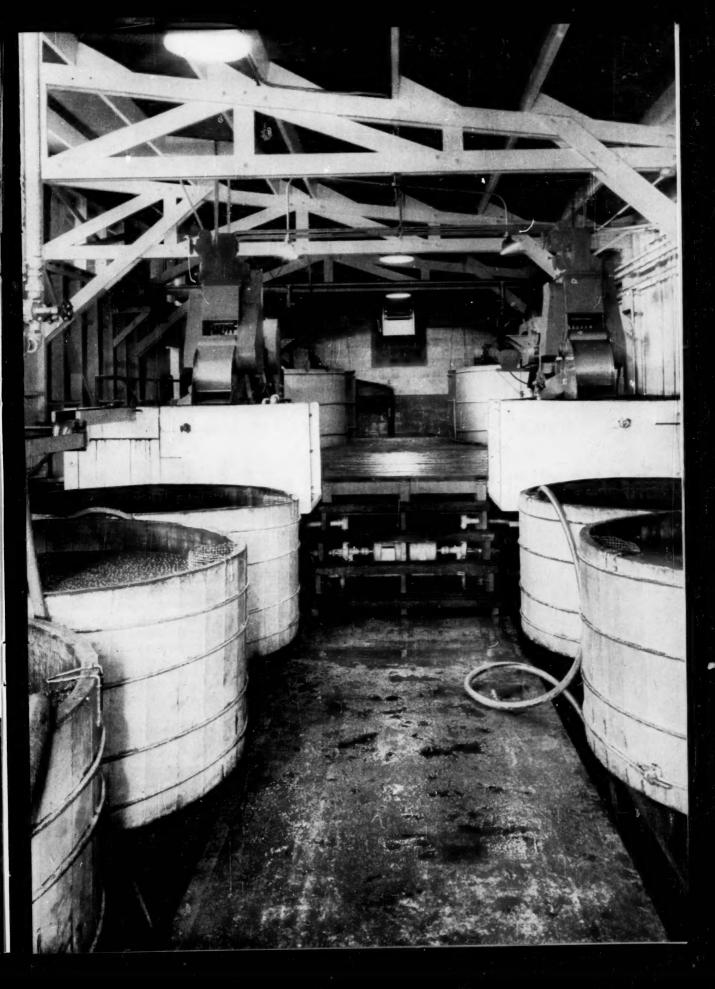
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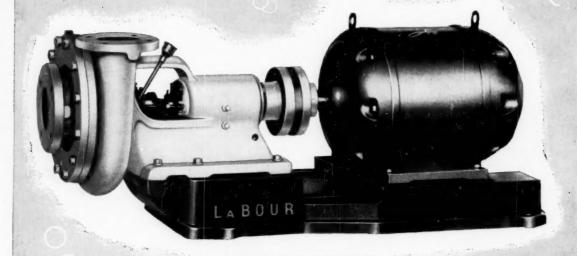








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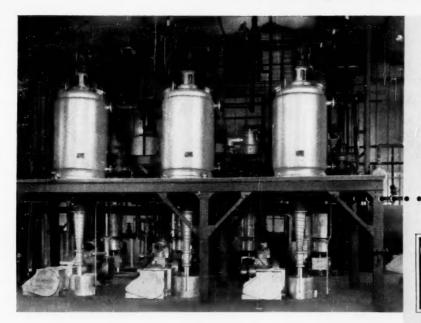
LaBour dependability is of course a feature of this pump, which has only one moving part and no close clearances. If you're having an air or vapor problem, particularly in connection with corrosive liquids, you'd better drop us a line.

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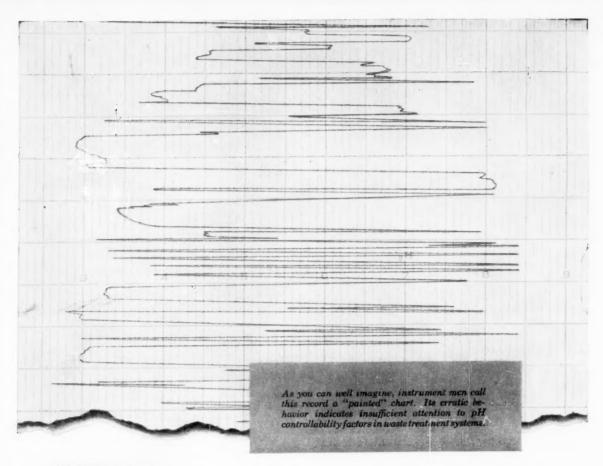
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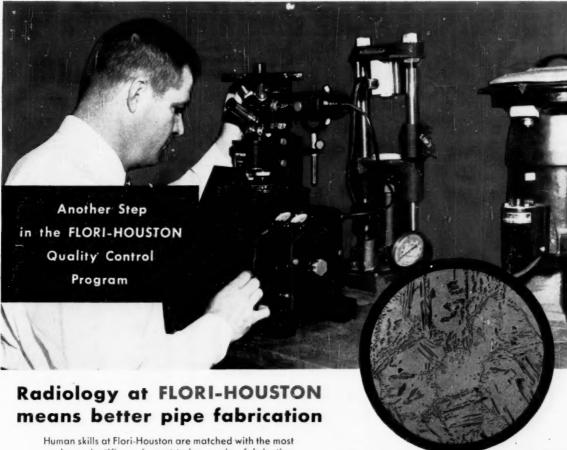
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Process Data Sheet 700(2), "L&N Speedomax Control of Plant Waste Disposal Processes", outlines this approach to industrial waste treatment. Write for a copy and you'll also receive a Controllability Analysis Questionnaire to fill out and return, without obligation, for concrete answers to your specific waste treatment problem. The address—4916 Stenton Ave., Phila. 44, Pa.



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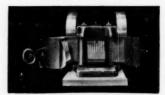
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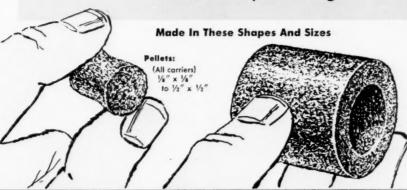


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Туре В	45-50%	28-30%	1.65-1.70 gr/cc	60 lbs/ft ³ (Approx.)	Quartz, Alpha, Kappa, Delta Alumina	20-30m²/gram
Туре С	45-50%	28-30%	1.65-1.70 gr/cc	62 lbs/ft ³ (Approx.)	Alpha Alumina and Mullite	5-10m ² /gram
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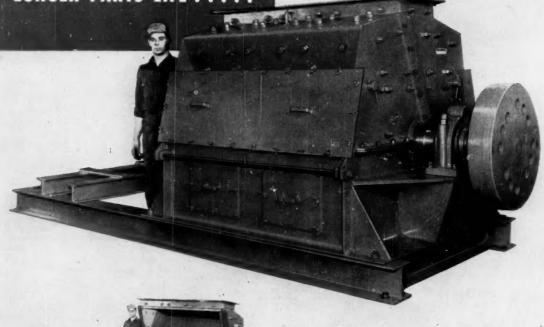
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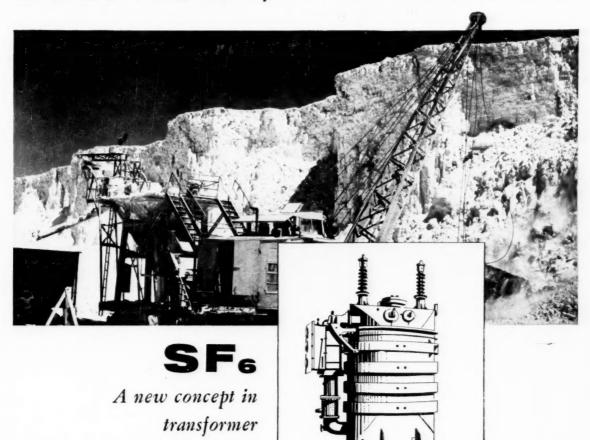
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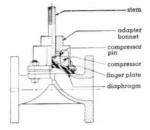
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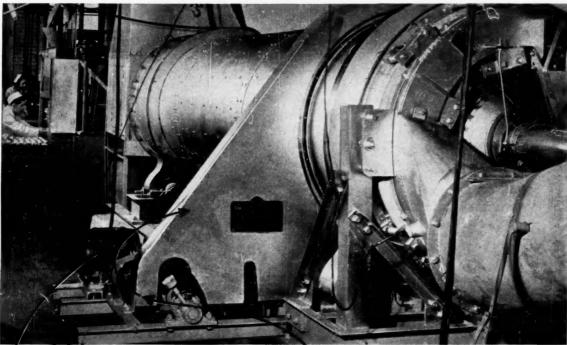
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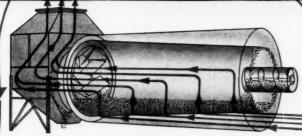
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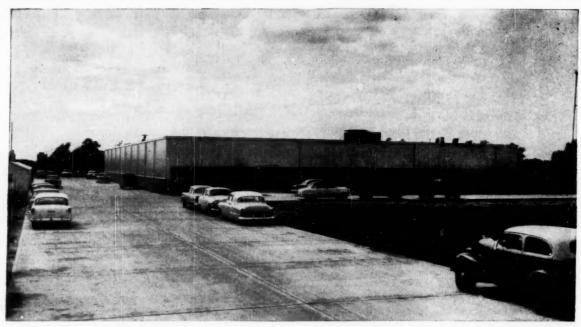


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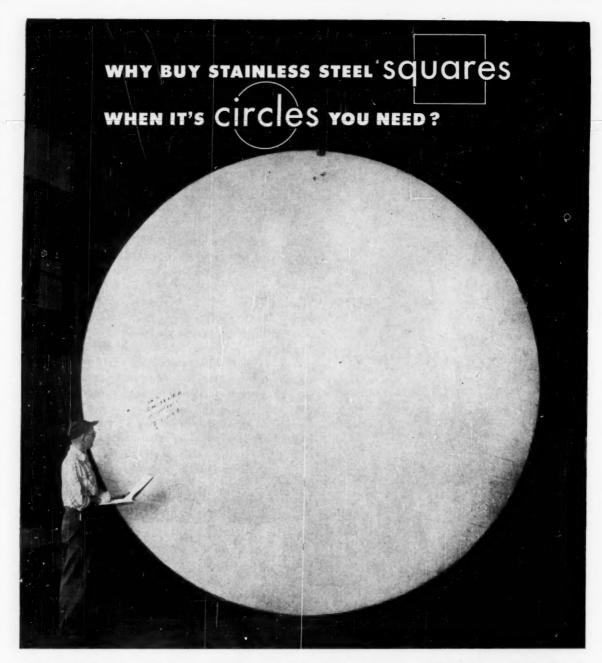
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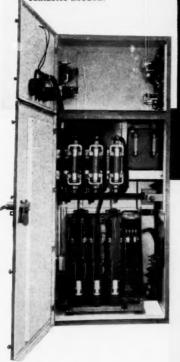
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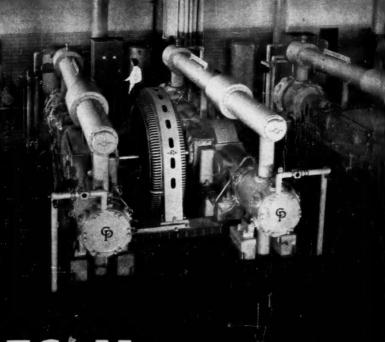
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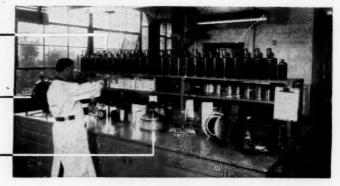
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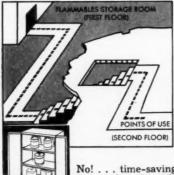
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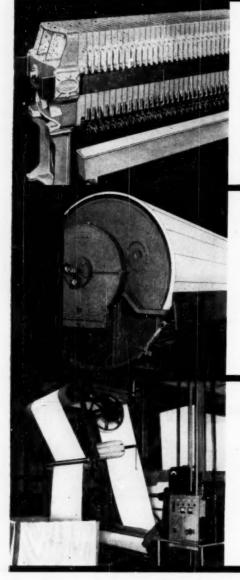
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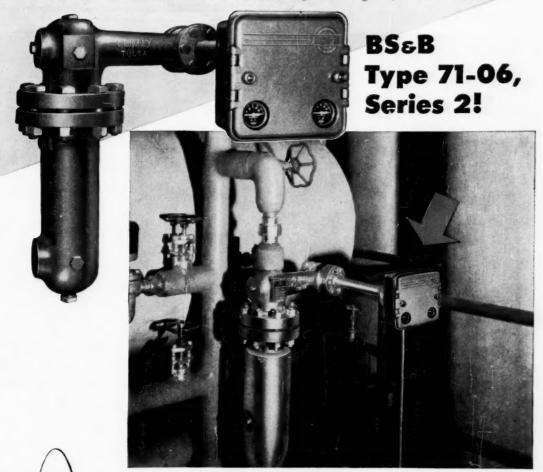
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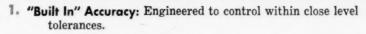
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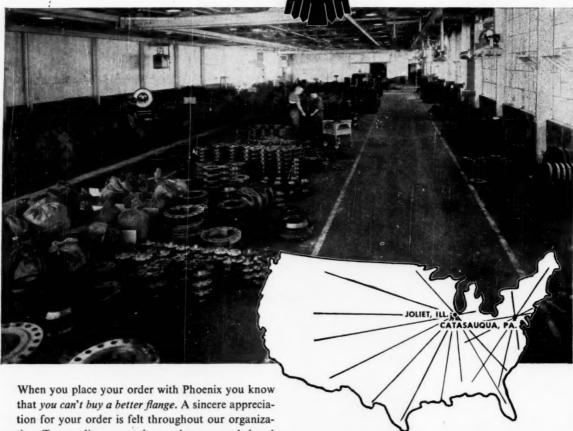
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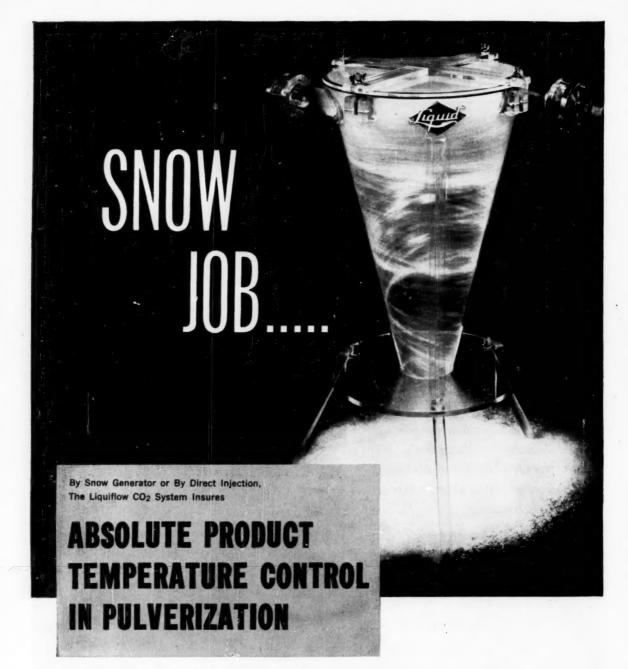
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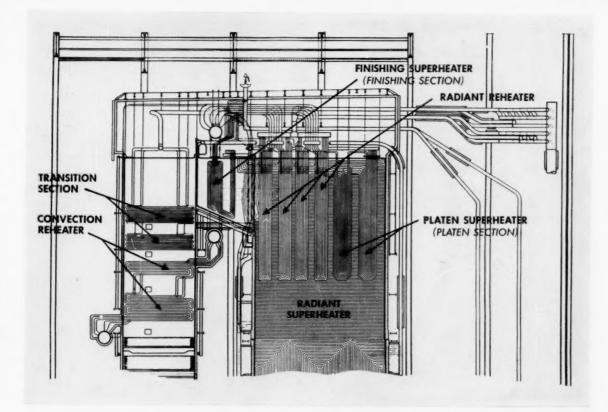
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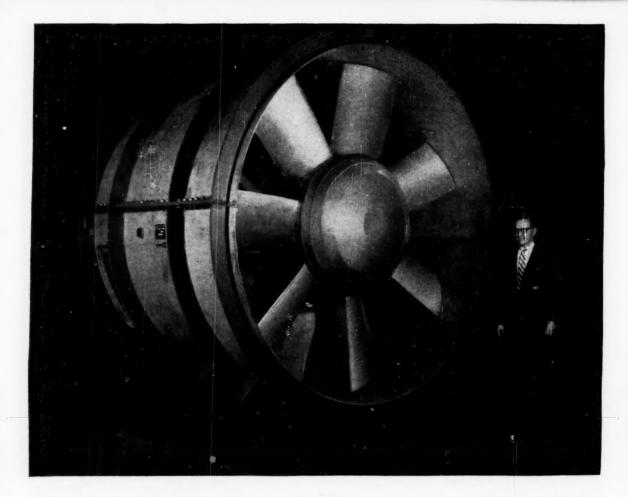
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These findings may have some importance in areas such as the American southwest where the soil has a high boron content. Boron is taken from the soil by plants which are consumed by livestock, and the element may tend to interfere with the vitamin metabolism of these animals.

Viscosity Changes May Be Clue to Chemical Activity In Complete Ester Mixtures

Investigations reported in the literature have revealed that the viscosity of true ester mixtures of ethyl alcohol, acetic acid, ethyl acetate and water changes steadily on standing. The conclusion is that association, dissociation, hydrate and solvate formation are taking place, and that viscosity determinations may therefore be useful in studying the progress of such activity.

Viscosity has long been employed to determine the extent of molecular association, and the degree of solvate and hydrate formation in liquid mixtures at some particular moment. It has never been used, however, to examine

changes over time intervals.

In the study reported, relative viscosity measurements were made on complete ester mixtures after 2, 9, 21, 51, and 84 days. Viscosities changed steadily, but tended to reach an equilibrium value. The investigators feel that this time factor must be properly evaluated before further study of hydrates, solvates and association values is made.

Sorbitol Solubility Measured In Elixirs and Syrups Containing Alcohol and Water

Studies Reveal Solubility of Sorbitol in Water-Ethanol Mixes

The hexahydric alcohol, sorbitol, widely used in liquid pharmaceutical preparations, has now been Loroughly studied in water-ethyl alcohol systems to determine extent of solubility. The table and phase diagram below show the

Polyethylene Use Is Extended by New Compounding Process

A process, whereby polyethylene is combined with 50% or more of carbon black to create compositions which remain flexible even at extremely low temperatures, has been developed by Godfrey L. Cabot, Inc.

These compositions are said to be strong enough for structural use where rigidity and pressure resistance are important. Creep and fracture are reported to be minimum.

A variety of molded and extruded parts have been fabricated successfully from the new material. Pipe, for example, has exhibited resistance to stress cracking, improved high temperature behavior, virtual elimination of plastic flow, and improved resistance to deterioration by solvents and oils. Lab tests have indicated that burst strength is doubled. The same applies to wire and cable cover.

Cabot feels that the development makes possible a new range of usefulness for polyethylene. They will not manufacture these compositions themselves but will supply the carbon black and their process knowledge to polyethylene producers such as U.S.I.

New Ceramic Textiles Withstand Heat of 2000°F

Aluminum silicate fibers have now been converted into a variety of textile forms for high temperature applications.

Fabrics weighing from 15 to 74 ounces per square yard are said to have excellent insulating properties due to low thermal conductivity, high yarn bulk, natural resilience and small fiber diameter. Stainless steel or nickel-chrome alloy wire is inserted into some constructions for greater tensile strength in the 1,000 to 2,000°F range.

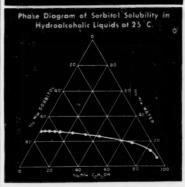
Rovings and yarns in sizes from 600 to 1,000 yards per pound are useful as insulation for

electric circuits that must withstand very high temperatures.

Rope from ¼ to ¾ inch in diameter is being applied as insulation and packing in various metallurgical refining processes.

Other suggested uses for cloth and tape include filter media, gaskets, heat and flame barriers and membranes, conveyor belts, protective clothing and insulating blankets. results of this investigation. They indicate that a sizable amount of sorbitol can be incorporated into most pharmaceutical systems of hydroalcoholic character—about 65% by weight in 20% alcohol, about 50% by weight in 50% alcohol, about 14% by weight in 80% alcohol, and so on.

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6	52.80	1.152	50.45	58.12
	62.33	1.089	42.70	46.49
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9	82.20	0.9123	13.64	12.42
10	90.94	0.8433	3.41	2.88
11	95.41	0.8177	1.92	1.57



It has been well known for some time that while sorbitol is highly soluble in water alone, the solubility tends to decrease when ethyl alcohol is added. Since sorbitol acts as a vehicle in many cough syrups, elixirs and vitamin preparations which contain alcohol, the extent of this decrease has become a question of great interest to the industry. Until this study was made, no data on the subject had been available.

Properties which have made sorbitol useful to the food and drug industries include sweet

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Sorbitol

taste (about 60% as sweet as sucrose), high viscosity in water solution, lack of reaction with medicinal or other ingredients, ability to inhibit crystallization, and humectant action. It is often used in combination with glycols, glycerin and sugar syrup as well as ethyl alcohol.

Paper Can Now Be Made From New Acrylic Fibers

A new type of paper has been developed which will be of special interest to the laminating industry and for electrical uses, chemical filtration, chromatography and many other applications.

It is made of a new acrylic fiber, is binderfree, and can be produced on conventional machinery. Production quantities are expected in the near future.

First Caustic Soda Plant Established in Ceylon

May Also Produce Bromine

The first caustic soda factory in Ceylon, built by a government-sponsored corporation, is expected to begin operations this month. It is equipped with 56 electrolytic diaphragm cells having a daily output capacity of five tons of caustic soda.

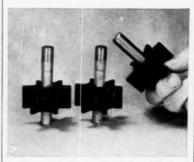
Bromine may also be produced. In the manufacture of common salt from sea water. a nearby factory discards thousands of tons of bromine-rich waste liquors. Engineers are considering the production of high-grade elemental bromine from these wastes.

Titanium Impeller Shaft Solves Corrosion Problem In Pumping Ferric Chloride

Impeller shafts of commercially pure titanium are now being used in pumps to carry ferric chloride solutions. They are reported to yield at least 320 hours of pump service without leakage. Materials tried previously - special ferrous and non-ferrous alloys, and platings of nickel, silver and rhodium - have given maximum service life of 45 minutes due to corrosion of the shaft and loss of tight seal.

The titanium impeller shaft was originally incorporated into a prototype pump unit and tested to solve a particular problem in the etching of printed circuits. It was found that the prototype unit would run for at least 321 hours without damage. And the initial cost of the special shaft was offset in the first 90 minutes of operation. The pump is now a regular production item.

Mallory-Sharon Titanium Corp., now affiliated with U.S.I. in the new Mallory-Sharon Metals Corp., participated in the original test runs by supplying the titanium.



At left are two impeller shafts which failed after 45 minutes of pumping ferrous chloride. Both are made of premium metals, one ferrous, one non-ferrous. At right is a titanium impeller shaft showing no sign of corrosion after two months in the same service.

TECHNICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Information about manufacturers of these items may be obtained by writing U.S.I.

Research reactors now in operation or being built in the U.S. are reviewed in a new booklet which can be purchased from gov't. Data and illustrations on over 30 reactors are included. No. 1311

A marking pen consisting of a heavy-wall poly-ethylene squeeze tube with felt writing point, filled with ink that writes on porous and non-porous surfaces, is now on the market. It is low-cost, disposable, comes in 7 colors. No. 1312

New fuel oil additives to prohibit gum formation New fuel oil additives and in oil stocks are fatty amine derivatives claimed to also protect against color degradation and to No. 1313

Over 1,500 assayed biochemical compounds, along with their full specifications, are listed in a new reference guide for workers in bactericlogical, nutritional, biological and microbiological research. Price list included.

Three new hydrazine derivatives are available in lab quantities. Hydrazine dihydrochloride Three new hydrazine dihydrochloride in lab quantities. Hydrazine dihydrochloride is suggested as α chlorine scavenger for hydrochloric acid, hydrazodicarbonamide as α chemical intermediate, monohydrazinium phosphate as an oxygen scavenger for boiler feed water. No. 1315

Analytical microscopy relative to foods, drugs, spices, water is discussed in a new book which can be purchased. The 215-page book describes preparation of materials for examination, gives No. 1316

Isocinchomeronic acid, suggested intermediate for drugs, insecticides, polymers, dyes, is now offered commercially. Its ring-nitrogen is said to offer possible increased dye receptivity in polymer applications.

No. 1317

Remote evaporation and drying by infrared radiation is now possible with a new heater for lab and semi-industrial use. Placed above a flat crucible, the radiator is claimed to evaporate without boiling or loss of material. No. 1318

New acid inhibitor has been developed which, it is said, can be used on high carbon steel without etching. It is used at about 0.2% by volume, added to non-axidizing acids such as sulfuric, hydrochloric, hydrofluoric, oxalic.

Molded polyethylene waste and drainage systems are now on the market. According to manufacturer, traps, pipe, joints, fittings withstand intermittent flushing with bot water without deterioration or loss of form boiling

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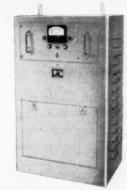
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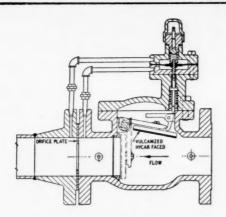


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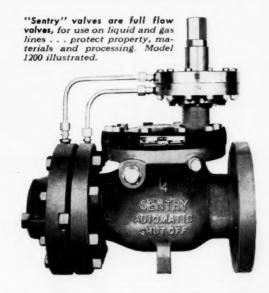
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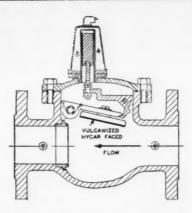
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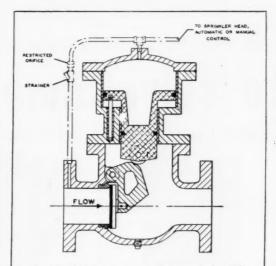
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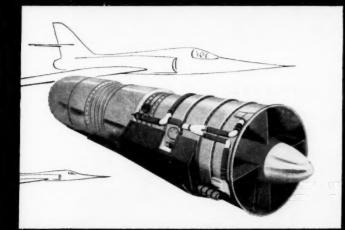
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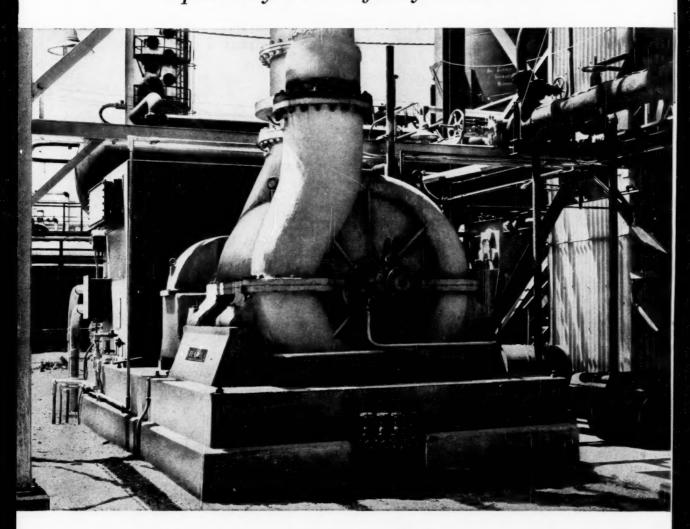
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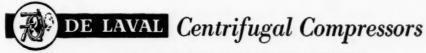
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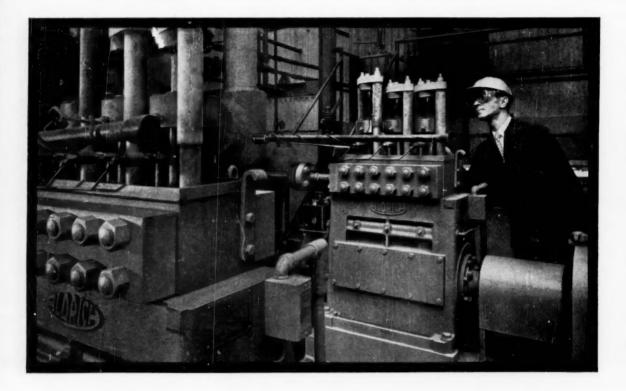
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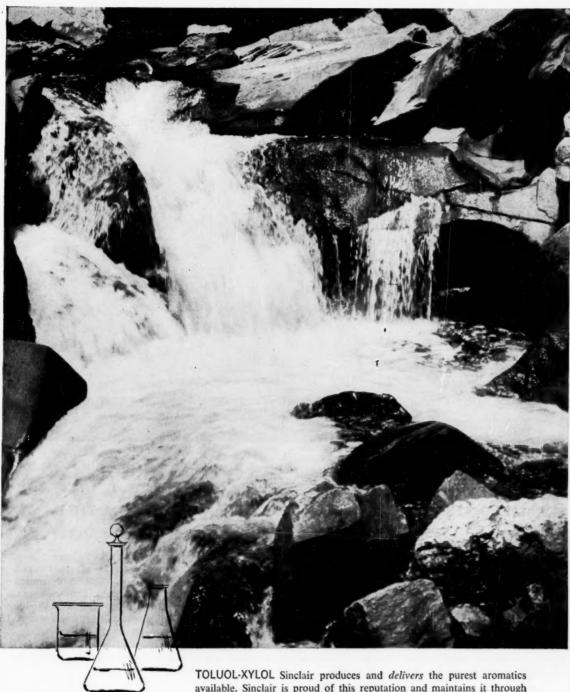
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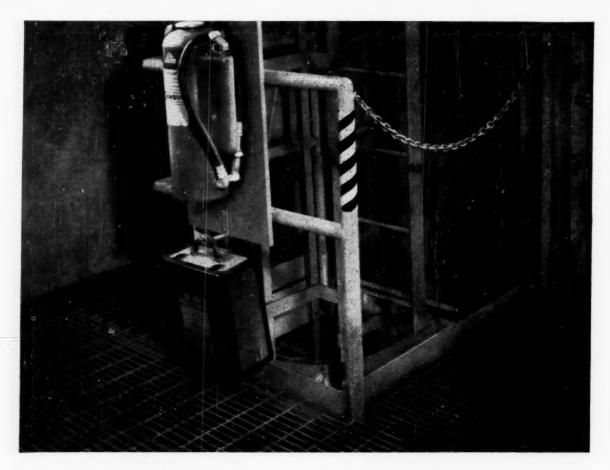
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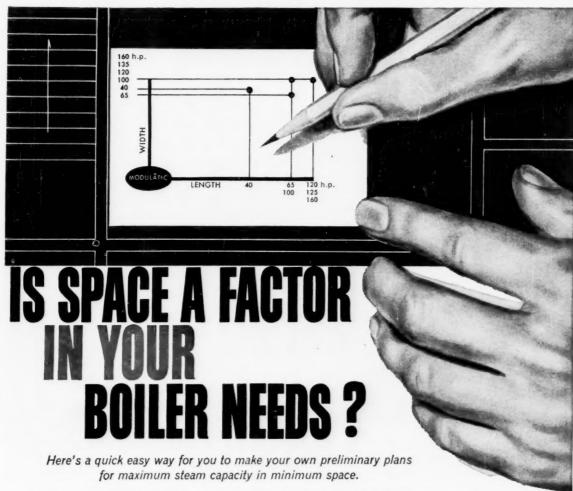
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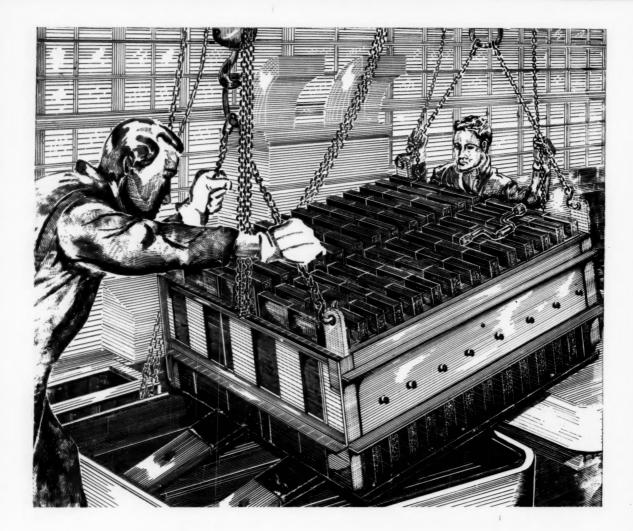
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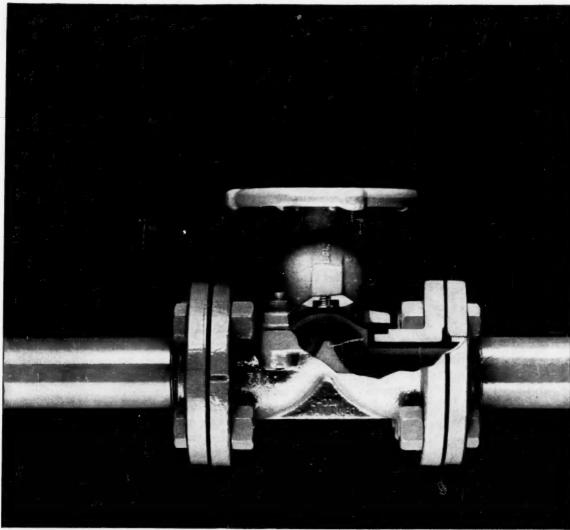
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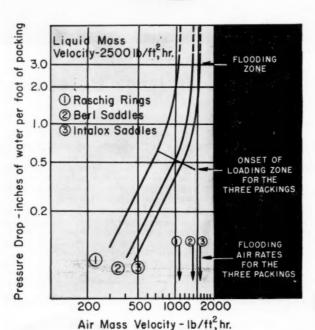
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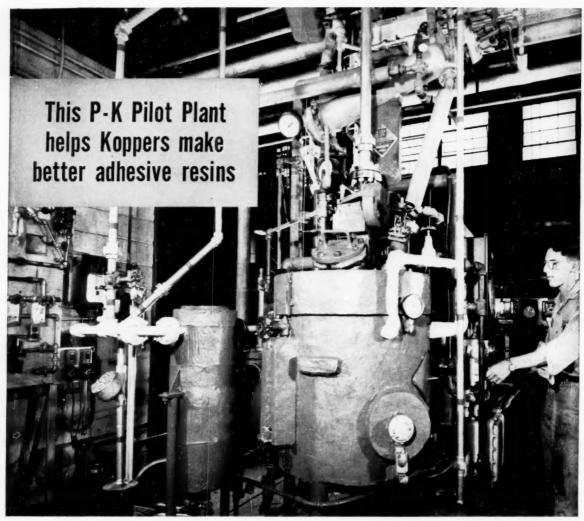
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Industrial spending which fed a hefty plant building surge, over the past three years, still nourishes a research boom—

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Technician checks pilot run of new Resorcinal resin at Koppers Verona (Pa.) Research Center. 15-gal. P K Pilot Plant includes reactor, vapor reflux pipe, condensor, decanter, receiver, controls.

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Boron propellants get solid backing

Teaming the high-energy punch of exotic chemical fuels with the simpler rocket design made possible by solid propellant systems, Callery Chemical has come up with a solid version of its boron-based HiCal.

Though still in the development stage, solid HiCal, compounded with an oxidizer (e.g., ammonium perchlorate or lithium hydroxide) in a rocket cartridge, has undergone highly promising test firings. Plans now call for its manufacture at Callery's new plant (due on stream in May) at Lawrence, Kan.

Like liquid HiCal, the term "solid HiCal" actually encompasses a series of alkyl borane compounds rather than any single material. While specific formulas are under government security wraps, one very likely member of the family is ethyl decaborane.

Key attraction of solid propellant systems is that they don't require liquid transfer equipment (pumps, storage tanks, piping, etc.). This permits lighter, less complicated, less costly and more efficient missiles or jets. Moreover, solid HiCal is easier to handle and exhibits a lower effective toxicity than liquid HiCal.

New fiber threatens nylon, Dacron

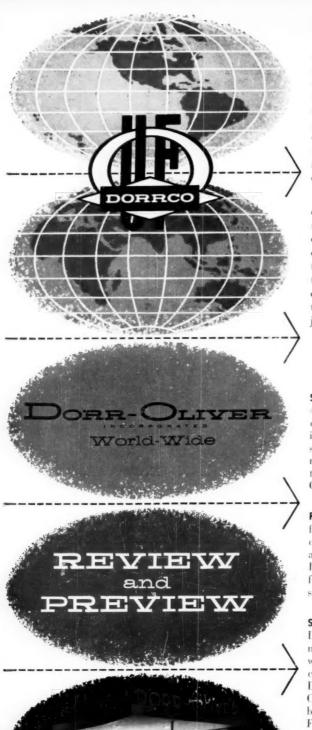
Latest synthetic fiber development to excite chemical men is a polymer called Urylon, now being made experimentally by Toyo Koatsu Industries in Japan. It's a polycondensation product of nonamethylene diamine and urea and is categorized generically as a "polyurea" fiber.

Construction will start soon on a Urylon plant next to the company's ammonium sulfate and urea facilities at Sunagawa on the island of Hokkaido. Schedule calls for initial output of 1 ton/day by year's end, gradually increasing to 15-20 tons.

The nine-carbon diamine is made from azelaic acid by ammoniation and dehydration

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- √ Wyandotte has suspended construction work at Baton Rouge because of business conditions.
- √ Engineer shortage? Univ. of Texas will graduate 30% more engineers this year, yet 27 firms have cancelled appointments for campus interviews.
- √ Rilsan Co., French producer
 of nylon-11, is negotiating
 to license its process to a
 U. S. firm. Product is polymer of 11-amino undecanoic acid, derived from
 castor oil.
- √ Ultrasonic system for shattering oil from Alberta's oil sands is on trial by Sonic Oil Separation Ltd. Process is said to be much swifter than other known methods.



1957 has been a year of contrasts.

Significant advances in technology, the completion of a substantial portion of our program to expand our productive capacity in the U. S. and Canada and the strengthening of our marketing organization are all tangible achievements which will bring us both immediate and long-term benefits. On the other hand, a generally lower activity in new projects coming in has emphasized the narrowing profit margins faced by most businesses and points up our insistence on improving designs, reducing costs and increasing efficiencies.

Abroad, the picture is bright. Our subsidiaries report current high levels of business and there is great optimism for the future. Of particular interest is the success of our newest family member, Dorr-Oliver Pty. Ltd. of Australia, which opened its doors on January 1 of this year and by mid-year had far surpassed expectations. Growth of Dorr-Oliver (India) Ltd., another of our newer associates, has also been noteworthy, with the recent addition of local manufacturing facilities justifying still greater optimism.

SUGAR — In 1957 a total of 42 RapiDorr Clarifiers and 48 Oliver-Campbell Cane Mud Filters were sold to the cane sugar industry. A significant aspect of this outstanding record has been the increasing participation of our subsidiaries and representatives abroad. They are locally manufacturing, in some instances for the first time, 31 of these machines in Argentina, Brazil, England, France, Germany, India, the Philippines and South Africa.

POLYETHYLENE — The first Merco Pressure Centrifuges went into operation early last year removing catalyst from liquid polyethylene at capacities considerably in excess of original expectations. Overseas, British, Italian and German producers ordered Pressure Centrifuges for similar application in both new commercial scale and pilot plants.

SANITATION — One of the highlights of the year was D-O activity in the waste water disposal field. Four major new developments — all ideally suited for smaller plants — were introduced. The SpiroVortex System which is a complete treatment process akin to activated sludge, the Degritting Clarifier and Clarigester and the DorrClone Classifier as applied to sewage degritting have already been commercially proven at plants in the western U. S. First installations of the CompleTreator, a package plant to serve a population of 150, are now operating with some 30 additional units scheduled to start up in 1958.

Our subsidiary in the Netherlands has marketed equipment for facilities as far distant as Norway, Iraq and India, while new or enlarged D-O equipped domestic installations sold in 1957 can be found from New York City to Los Angeles and San Antonio, Texas to Fairmont, Minnesota.

GENERAL METALLURGICAL — Applications of the DSM Screen, first introduced in 1956, continued to grow in virtually every field we serve. One of the most promising has been magnetite recovery in heavy media cyclone plants on the Mesabi Range. Also new is the swing-type agitator for the American Filter — a development particularly applicable to filtration of heavy metallurgical slurries.

Following the trend noted in previous years, widespread acceptance of the Slurry Mixer by the cement industry and the Thickener — American Filter combination by the coal industry continued again last year. In Germany, France, India and Australia flue dust clarification and recovery contributed materially to our business and in Canada a substantial volume of Dorr-Oliver-Long shaft equipment and mine cars was purchased for underground mines.

PLANT ENGINEERING—At the year's end, design of a granular fertilizer plant for India and sections of a new Cuban nickel recovery plant were partially completed, and construction of three D-O designed phosphoric acid or fertilizer plants was progressing in Venezuela, England and Montana. During the year a 200,000 ton per year triple superphosphate plant in Florida and a Norwegian phosphoric acid installation were put into operation and brought up to design capacity in near record time.

FLUOSOLIDS SYSTEMS — Also in the fertilizer industry two western producers ordered the first FluoSolids Systems to be used for calcination of phosphate rock. Designed to handle a total of 1,500 tons per day, these installations were the direct result of successful field tests using a portable fluidized bed pilot plant. During the year other FluoSolids Systems were ordered to dry limestone and blast furnace slag in the U. S., roast copper matte in Belgium, calcine clay in Scotland, decompose copperas in England, and roast pyrite for a Japanese paper mill and an Italian sulfuric acid manufacturer.

The largest FluoSolids System for fine coal drying, handling over 600 tons per hour, went into operation during the third quarter at a new eastern preparation plant, and construction is nearing completion on a second similar, but smaller, installation. In the realm of unusual applications is a unit drying a highly-corrosive chlorinated hydrate at an eastern chemical plant.

PETROLEUM — Another modification of the familiar DorrClone Classifier is the ClayJector, latest development for control of drill mud weights. Noteworthy economies are possible using this unit which mechanically rejects undesirable drilled solids while recovering valuable barites for reuse.

PULP AND PAPER—Another operating "first" recorded during the past year was initial operation of the first complete D-O Pulp Bleaching System. Located at a northern New York state mill, it is the result of an extensive program to develop a new and improved continuous bleaching system for the pulp industry. Abroad, the Swedish representative of our Dutch subsidiary has just completed an outstanding year marked by one of the largest orders in their history for Bleach Washers and by orders for a number of new or expanded Recausticizing Systems.

WATER TREATMENT — In the southwestern United States the DorrClone Classifier has been used with notable success for the desanding of municipal well water supplies. For small plants the PeriFilter System with a single pre-treatment unit and split filter provides economical unitized water treatment.

Major expansions of the Louisville, Kentucky and Fort Worth, Texas treatment facilities will be D-O equipped as will new municipal plants at Springfield, Ohio; Peoria, Illinois; and Delhi, India. New industrial treatment installations will serve pulp mills in South Carolina, India and Venezuela and an Indian fertilizer plant.

CHEMICAL — A substantial amount of D-O equipment of all types has been incorporated into the unique flow-sheet of a new astrakanite recovery plant in the Chilean nitrate fields. In Germany and the United States, Horizontal Filters have been widely applied to dewatering and washing of fine organics as well as highly corrosive inorganics, and around the world filters of both standard and special construction were ordered for an almost endless variety of services.

FOOD PRODUCTS—A mid-western producer has ordered twelve centrifugals of three basic types for washing and concentrating soya protein solids. Last year the largest U. S. corn starch producer put into operation a Merco-DorrClone starch washing system, and in 1958 the first DorrClone germ separation station in the same industry will go on stream. Also in centrifugals, a smaller model of the Mercone Screening Centrifuge is now available for intermediate or small scale operations.

COPPER AND URANIUM - Last year substantial amounts of D-O processing equipment were purchased for new and enlarged copper mills in South America, Mexico, the Belgian Congo and United States and new uranium mills in Australia, United States and Canada, A new and improved design and method of fabrication of stainless steel rake Classifier blades was developed. Although conceived initially for the uranium industry this design is broadly applicable to classifications involving corrosive solutions. Certainly no summary of 1957 accomplishments would be complete without mention of the Chemical Engineering Achievement Award presented last month to a group of companies including Dorr-Oliver for their contribution to extractive metallurgy of atomic age metals. Interestingly enough, D-O was one of the very few engineering equipment organizations selected for the award.

With several years of expansion and enormous activity behind us, the current business plateau provides a much needed opportunity to consolidate and catch our breath. The real challenge will be to increase the spread between income and outgo through more efficient operation — while accelerating the rate of our technological advances. I am confident we can, and will, do both.

J. D. Hitch, Jr. President

November 18, 1957

to the dinitrile, followed by hydrogenation to the diamine. Commercial success of Urylon would mean a big boost in consumption of azelaic acid, as well as in use of ozone as oxidizing agent for making the azelaic from fatty acids.

Accounting for Toyo's optimism are such Urylon properties as these:

- Wet strength is same as dry strength (5-5.5 g./d.), making it especially good for fishing nets.
- It is lighter than nylon or Dacron (sp. gr. 1.07).
- Young's modulus (500-600 kg./mm.²) is double that of nylon and Dacron.
- Melting point (240-250 C.) is comparable to that of Dacron, higher than nylon.
- Elongation (15-20%) is equal to that of Dacron, lower than nylon,

Toyo now has patents on Urylon in Japan, France, Britain and Switzerland. U. S. patents are pending.

Polypropylene: Who's on first?

Three recent announcements in rapid-fire succession turned the commercial debut of polypropylene into a pointless scramble to lead the parade:

- Nov. 26—Farbwerke Hogehst announced commercial production at Frankfurt, Germany, at a rate of 700 tons/month.
- Nov. 28—Hercules rushed out a news release on the "world's largest" commercial polypropylene plant, at Parlin, N. J., with an annual capacity of 20 million lb.
- Dec. 2—Montecatini put on exhibit at the Chemical Show in New York its new polypropylene made in commercial facilities (15 million lb./yr.) at Ferrara, Italy (see p. 92). Production actually began in September and was announced on Oct. 17.

Hercules' announcement—which caught most of the industry by surprise—caused some lifted eyebrows with its claim that Hercules' polypropylene production involved no licensed know-how from either Karl Ziegler or Montecatini's Giulio Natta. This despite these facts:

- Natta's priority in the field of isotactic polypropylene has gone publicly unchallenged.
- Montecatini has licensed Natta's polypropylene know-how to Ziegler in Germany (Hoechst presumably sublicenses from Ziegler).

 Hercules' production of linear polyethylene involves a Ziegler license and a working agreement on operating know-how with Hoechst.

With everyone playing his cards close to the vest, holder of the trump cards won't be known until patent applications now pending are issued.

Chemical metallurgy suffers setback

While "chemical metallurgy" has many recent gains to its credit, one metal producer now registers disenchantment.

Calera Mining Co., subsidiary of Howe Sound Mining Co., has just converted its cobalt production facilities at Garfield, Utah, from hydrogen reduction to a more-conventional electrolytic operation. The firm expects electrowinning to be more efficient and less costly than hydrogen reduction, with an anticipated 4-5% increase in output of cobalt. Production has been running some 4 tons/day.

Cost of conversion, which will include adding a relatively inexpensive "denickeling" process this year, comes to \$750,000. The original digestion circuits remain unchanged.

High-pressure hydrogen reduction as a means of winning metal values from aqueous solutions was developed by Chemical Construction Corp. in the early 1950's. Process was adopted by two other producers in addition to Calera—National Lead, Fredericktown, Mo., for cobalt, and Sherritt Gordon Mines, Fort Saskatchewan, Alta, for nickel (Chem. Eng., Jan. 1957, pp. 194-197).

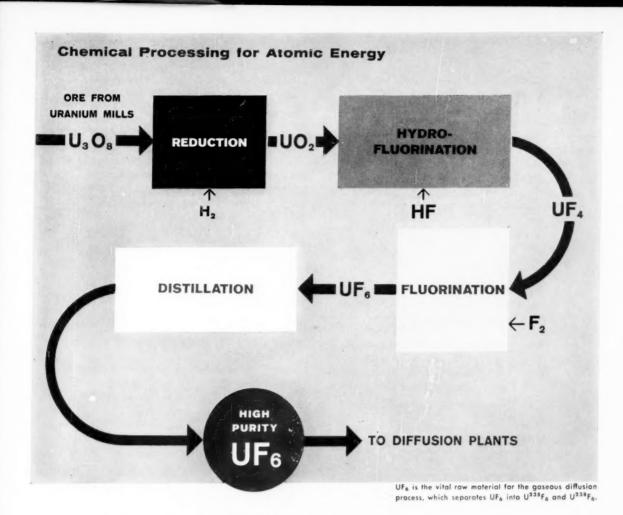
The latter firms both report eminently satisfactory operations, with no apparent intention of making any fundamental process changes. And a Chemico engineer who participated in these developments expresses surprise at Calera's move, suggests that specific purification problems might account for it.

New way to make terephthalic acid

A new approach to production of terephthalic acid—one which would free TA makers from dependence on costly para-xylene—is getting serious study here and abroad.

Process was discovered by Bernhard Raecke of Henkel & Co., leading soap manufacturer of Duesseldorf, Germany. Badische in Germany, Hercules in U. S., Kawasacki

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NEW PROCESS FOR URANIUM HEXAFLUORIDE

wins General Chemical a share in 1957 Chemical Engineering Award



One of the highest honors in the chemical industry—The Chemical Engineering Achievement Award—was recently presented to General Chemical and others for "pioneering applications of chemical engineering principles and

processes in extractive metallurgy of the Atomic Age metals."

General Chemical's significant contribution is the research and development of a new process for producing refined uranium hexafluoride for the Atomic Energy Commission. General will be the first company to refine uranium oxide compounds for the AEC in privately owned and operated facilities. Its new UF₆ plant, now under construction at Metropolis, Illinois, is scheduled to go on stream early in 1959.

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Chemical and Teikoku Rayon in Japan and ICI in Britain have taken out licenses. First three firms are known to have pilot plants.

Basis of process is the fact that salts of aromatic acids will isomerize to their energy-poorest symmetric structure under the influence of heat and catalyst. For instance, potassium orthophthalate isomerizes to the terephthalate at 400 C. with yields of 95%. Catalyst is a cadmium salt. TA is liberated with a suitable "springing" agent, such as HCL

In another process variation—one which Hercules favors—potassium benzoate is disproportionated to get the terephthalate plus benzene. Here the basic raw material, toluene, is much cheaper than phthalic acid.

Chief engineering problem, says Hercules, is how to handle the salts at process temperatures.

Key to process economics is low-cost recovery and reuse of the potassium values. Hercules has studied several alternative routes, is now weighing process data and market conditions.

High heat fluxes portend nuclear planes

Two workers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory have recently scored a major breakthrough in heat-transfer science by demonstrating heat fluxes as high as 17 million Btu./(hr.) (sq. ft.) in the boiling of water. This value is about ten times larger than any previously reported in the literature for similar experimental conditions.

Key to these high heat fluxes is a new heat-transfer mechanism due to the helical vortex flow pattern of the water within the electrically heated copper or Inconel tube. Water enters the tube via a tangential inlet at right angles to the tube axis.

Investigators W. R. Gambill (well-known author of *CE*'s physical data estimation series) and N. D. Greene point out that in this type of flow the inner surface of the tube is more nearly free of steam bubbles at a given heat flux than in ordinary straight-through flow, because action of the intense artificial gravitational field displaces the bubbles toward the tube axis, thereby permitting the attainment of faster heat transfer.

In the test which gave the 17-million-Btu. flux, velocity of the water in the axial direction was only a modest 24 ft./sec. To have obtained this flux with straight-through flow

would have required an estimated flow velocity of 2,500 ft./sec. for the same conditions of pressure and degree of subcooling.

What good are such high heat fluxes? Gambill and Greene point out that a heat source with outside dimensions of 1 ft. dia. and 1 ft. height, containing a closely packed bundle of ½-in. tubes, could transfer heat to a coolant at a rate of 570 megawatts/cu. ft.

Expressed in these terms, it's apparent that compactness is a major virtue. This suggests that the nuclear-powered aircraft program may be behind this type of heat-transfer research (*Chem. Eng.*, Aug. 1957, p. 162).

Electric heat cuts carbon baking time

Eight minutes instead of eight weeks—this is the banner under which National Carbon Co. ushered in its new carbon baking process last month.

Now in operation in a new plant at Lawrenceburg, Tenn., National's process uses specially designed hydraulic presses to form carbon products (e.g., bricks for furnace linings), while at the same time passing a low-voltage, high-amperage current through the material to heat it to baking temperature (2,000 F.). Conventional procedure is to press "green" shapes from a mixture of carbon flour and pitch binder, then bake them in big gas-fired ovens for several weeks.

New process, says National, garners these advantages:

- Short cycle obviates the usual huge in-process inventory, permits closer quality control.
- Products have unique low-permeability properties.
- It's now possible to automate carbon production to a high degree.

Without detracting from the significance of National's engineering achievement, industry observers point out that these advantages don't come cheaply. Several minutes per brick is a long time to tie up an expensive hydraulic press, whereas presses can ordinarily turn out green bricks at a clip of several hundred per hour.

Low-voltage, high-current power (as high as 100,000 amp.) can also be expensive.

In addition, it's likely that the new technique is limited in the physical size and composition of carbon products that can be made.

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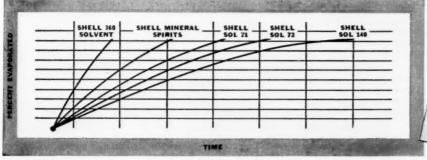
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Leach Licks Arsenic Bugaboo in Metal Ore

Pressure leach purges arsenic from ore, opens door to lower-cost recovery of pure metal. Byproduct calcium arsenate and sodium sulfate add revenue.

"Chemical metallurgy" has won another adherent. Spurred by rising demand for cobalt (used mainly in high-temperature alloys), Metallurgical Resources, Inc., Newburgh, N.Y., is now winning cobalt from high-arsenic ores via the new hydrometallurgical Sill process.

MRI's semiworks plant in Newburgh is now handling around 10 tons/day arsenical ore, tuning up Sill process to make its first bid for commercial status. Success will certainly lead MRI to expand present \$1.7-million plant to a full-scale 30-60-ton/day unit, may also portend application of Sill process to other arsenical ores, such as North Carolina lithium ore.

► Arsenic Complex—Like the better mousetrap, there has long been need for a better way to process arsenical metal ores. Roasting, the conventional treatment, pollutes surrounding atmosphere. And gasified arsenic and sulfur passing up the stack certainly do not fatten the reclaimed-values kitty.

Too, roasting does not remove all arsenic. Residual arsenic in the roasted ore shows up later as a contaminant during metal recovery.

One approach to this headache is removal of metal values from raw ore by acid or ammonia pressure leaching. Worked out by Chemical Construction Co., this method is used by Howe Sound Mining, National Lead and Sherritt Gordon.

► Sill Leaches Arsenic—But the process worked out by Harley

Sill, Los Angeles metallurgical engineer, takes a different tack. Sill originated a leaching step—alkaline ore oxidation in an autoclave—that solubilizes arsenic and sulfur so that they leach out of ore. Then, leach residue can be processed to give up uncontaminated cobalt, lithium or other desired metals. Process bonuses: Arsenic and sulfur values can be recovered from leach extract; there's no pollution problem.

▶ Ore Picture—Feed to MRI's semiworks plant is high-arsenic ore concentrate from Cobalt, Ont., area. Typical analysis runs As, 45%; S. 20%; Co, 12%; Fe, 19%; Ni, 3%; Cu, 1%; Ag, 100-150 oz./ton. Arsenic shows up in cobaltite (CoAsS); sulfur also appears in two other compounds, CuFeS, and FeS.

Because this type of arsenical ore is difficult to process by conventional methods, it is available at lower cost than low-arsenic ore. For a given cobalt content, price varies inversely with arsenic content.

With the Sill process, MRI feels it can gain a favorable cost position. Benefiting from lower cost of its raw material, MRI expects to turn out arsenic-free cobalt at a lower cost per pound than can producers using conventional roasting.

▶ Pressure Cooking—Heart of the Sill process is the leaching step (patents on step have been granted in several foreign countries, are still pending in U.S.).

Pulverized ore concentrate

from ball mill (over 90% through 200 mesh) is mixed with slightly more NaOH solution than stoichiometrically required to oxidize arsenie and sulfur content to sodium arsenate and sulfate. Resulting solution runs around 8-10% NaOH. This is pumped continuously to the autoclaves.

Piped for parallel operation, these two 8 x 26-ft. horizontal carbon-steel vessels are the only custom-made equipment in plant. Vertical baffle plates divide each vessel into four mixing compartments.

During 4-hr. holdup in autoclaves at 120 psi. and 240 F., turbine mixers beat air into the solution. Under these oxidizing conditions, arsenic and sulfur go into solution.

Reaction is exothermic, but requires heat to trigger oxidation. Coils in each mixing compartment provide heating and cooling as needed.

▶ Old and New—Sill process is a happy marriage of the new autoclaving step with subsequent conventional metal recovery. Following the continuous autoclaving operation, material passes through a series of batch operations based on classical procedures for separating cobalt from nickel.

Two 480-sq.-ft. Moore leaf filters separate slurry from the autoclaves into metal-bearing cake and arsenate-sulfate solution. Cake contains only 0.1% arsenic and a trace of sulfur and is now ready for recovery of the valuable metal constituents. Filtrate yields its

arsenic and sulfur values in another branch of the process, discussed later.

Metals-laden cake from Moore filters is dissolved in sulfuric acid and filtered on a Burwell plate-and-frame filter. Iron, copper, cobalt and nickel go off in filtrate; silver and gangue are left in cake. Silver can be recovered by melting with borax glass and carbonate if there's enough silver to make it economical.

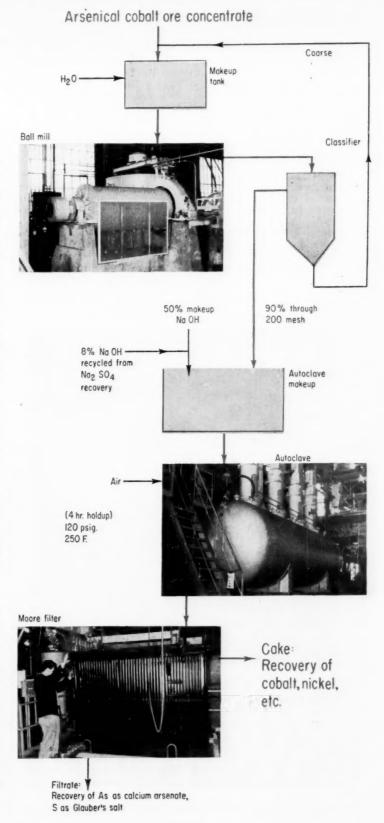
Two consecutive precipitations remove iron: Lime is added to pH 4.8 and ferric hydroxide filtered. Then filtrate is aerated to oxidize ferrous iron to ferric and addition of NaOH drives reaction to completion. Filtration removes last of the iron as ferric hydroxide.

Sodium hydrosulfide is added to filtrate, precipitating copper sulfide. Filtrate from plate-andframe filtration contains all the nickel and cobalt values.

► Cobalt Comedown—Gaseous chlorine is bubbled into filtrate to oxidize cobaltous ion to cobaltic, then soda ash is added to about pH 6.5. A mixed precipitate of cobaltic hydroxide and cobaltic carbonate is filtered off and roasted to the oxide in a Herreshoff roaster at 1,650 F. for about 45 min.

About two-thirds of the cobalt comes down in the first precipitate. Further soda ash addition to filtrate brings pH to around 6.8; a mixture of nickel and cobalt carbonates precipitates. This is filtered and the cake recycled to the metals dissolution section.

Finally, the remaining nickel is precipitated by addition of soda ash to over pH 8. A 1,650 F. roasting converts filtered nickel carbonate to nickel oxide. Arsenic and Sulfur—As noted previously, clear solution filtered from autoclaved ore slurry contains arsenates and sulfates. Lime is added, precipitat-



ing calcium arsenate, which is filtered and sold as wet cake for insecticides.

Two-stage crystallization recovers sulfur as anhydrous sodium sulfate. Filtrate from arsenate precipitation flows into a vacuum crystallizer operating at 50 F. Crystals of glauber salt (Na₂SO₄ decahydrate) come down from the caustic-sulfate liquor. Basket-type centrifuge sends washed crystals to second crystallizer and recycles caustic back to autoclave makeup.

Glauber salt crystals melt in the recycling mother liquor of the second vacuum crystallizer, operating at 190 F. Crystals of anhydrous sodium sulfate come down, are centrifuged and dried in Wyssmont Turbo dryer at 200 F. Product sodium sulfate has a moisture content of about 0.5%.

TV, Computers Find New Refinery Jobs

The oil refiner has found two new tasks for a couple of basic "wonders" of our electronic age —television and the electronic computer.

Humble Oil & Refining Co. has a new closed-circuit television station on duty at its Baytown, Tex., refinery. Camera's job is to watch flame in an inert gas generator serving two hydroformers. Image is transmitted to a 14-in. viewing screen in one of the hydroformer control rooms

Before television system was installed, operators had to view flame through a peep hole, some 100 ft. from control room. A "doghouse," built around peep hole, protected operator from the weather. Now operators view flame in comparative comfort of the control room.

And a new first in computer use is claimed by the Texas Co. at its Port Arthur, Tex., refinery. It has purchased the first digital computer for fully automatic control of an oil refinery process.

Texaco will use computer, engineered by Ramo-Wooldridge Corp., to run a polymerization unit making high-octane gasoline components.

Texaco is confident computer will pay for itself through increased plant output and greater quality control, although same number of operators are needed.

More Polyethylene Swings on Stream

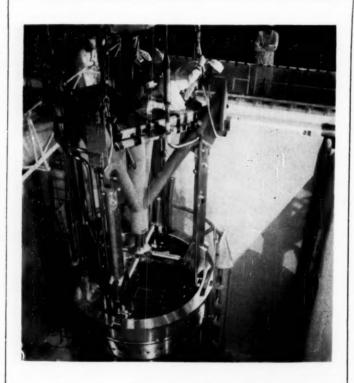
W. R. Grace's new 50-millionlb./yr. high-density polyethylene plant at Baton Rouge, La., is now on stream—but not without a last-minute crisis.

Grace's \$18-million plant, based on Phillips Petroleum's process, had contracted to buy raw-material ethylene from a plant four miles away. But this plant was not finished by the time Grace was ready for startup. Grace engineers side-stepped this bottleneck by bringing in ethylene from east Texas in a hastily-assembled fleet of high-pressure trailer trucks.

Product—Grex polyethylene—was produced in time to meet Grace's contract commitments.

For economical construction and freedom from product contamination, aluminum construction was used wherever possible. One aluminum first: Two large horizontal steam tube dryers are first all-welded aluminum dryers in use.

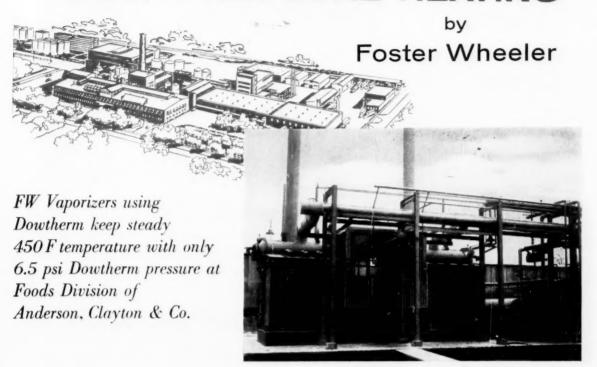
Fluor Corp. handled engineering and construction; plant was erected in just under 15 months.



Heart Operation: Core Lowered in at Shippingport

Heart of nation's first fullscale atomic power plant is shown being lowered into place at Shippingport, Pa. Core contains 165 lb. highly-enriched uranium surrounded by some 14 tons of natural uranium. Placing 58-ton core was a delicate operation because there's only 0.06 in. clearance between core and walls of pressure vessel. Reactor started operating Dec. 2nd.

HOT PROBLEM with LOW-PRESSURE HEATING



THE Foods Division of Anderson, Clayton & Co., one of the largest producers of shortening, margarine and edible oils for the food industry, has found Dowtherm the ideal medium for process heating. In the deodorization of edible oils, heat was originally provided by 600 psi steam at 488 F or special, high flash point heating oils.

In contrast, the two FW vaporizers using Dowtherm, shown above, provide extremely accurate control, safer and more economical low-pressure piping arrangements and maximum flexibility for low-cost operation. Installed at the Sherman, Texas, Plant, each unit has an output of $4\frac{1}{2}$ million Btu per

hour and is used to heat bleached and hydrogenated oils in the vacuum still to 450 F with fraction-of-a-degree temperature control. The Dowtherm pressure in the heating coils is only 6.5 psi at 525 F.

On any process, Foster Wheeler offers the benefits of 23 years of experience in the design and application of heating systems using Dowtherm. Only Foster Wheeler does the *complete job*—designs and builds the vaporizer, installs it in the plant, puts it on stream and makes sure that everything functions at top efficiency. More information is available in Bulletin ID-54-5. Write to Foster Wheeler Corporation, New York, N.Y.

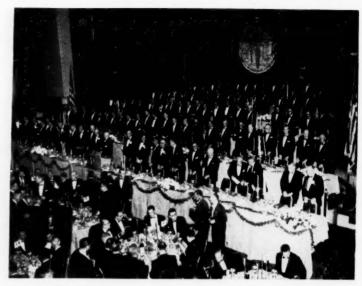
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At Waldorf, AEC's Jesse Johnson accepts Chemical Engineering Achievement Award on behalf of 78 winner representatives crowding dais, predicts wide use of atomic metals knowledge in other fields.

Industry Honors Atomic-Metals Pioneers

On December 3, 1957, 78 chemical process firms, engineering organizations and laboratories were honored with bestowal of the 14th biennial Award for Chemical Engineering Achievement in recognition of chemical engineering's contribution to atomic age metallurgy.

▶ Whitman Presents — Before upwards of 1,300 notables from industry, education and government gathered at the Award dinner in the Waldorf Astoria grand ballroom, New York, Award Committee Chairman Walter Whitman presented the Award on behalf of the sponsor, Chemical Engineering magazine.

Dr. Whitman, head of MIT's department of chemical engineering, described results of the winners' work as a renaissance of chemical metallurgy which, "promises to find ever-widening application to many of the older as well as the newer metals to which our committee somewhat arbitrarily limited its attention this year."

▶Johnson Accepts - This

thought was developed further by Jesse C. Johnson, AEC's Director of Raw Materials and spokesman for the Award-winning group represented on the Grand Ballroom dais. Accepting the Award, Johnson said,

"The knowledge gained in providing materials for the atomic energy program most certainly will find wide application in other metallurgical and industrial fields.

"For metal recovery, I am thinking particularly of the ion exchange and solvent extraction processes.

"Also, high purity materials required in atomic energy have led to a general study of the effects of trace impurities on the properties of metals.

"More precise analytical procedures have had to be developed for use in production plants.

"The properties of all elements are being restudied, particularly those of the rarer elements, many of which have had no industrial use in the past."

► Jeffries Keynotes — Keynote

speaker and distinguished metallurgical engineer, Zay Jeffries, stressed the potential impact of the winners' achievements on the broad picture of human activities, and the future challenge it implies.

Summing up the challenge as the need to tool up for an armed truce, Dr. Jeffries explained that armed truce is the next stage before our ultimate goal of peace with abundance and freedom.

"It would seem," he said, "that our best insurance against an all-out atomic war is an offense capability which could put the 'self preservation' of our potential enemies in great jeopardy.

"Naturally, at the same time we need to develop a defense potential, if we can, capable of softening any atomic attack. But, the only sure defense against an atom attack is to avoid it altogether.

"Assuming that two strong powers have these same objectives, the outlook is merely for an armed truce."

► Kirkpatrick MC's - Dr. Jef-

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fries, according to toastmaster Sid Kirkpatrick's introductory remarks, "played a prominent part in the atomic bomb project, working with Arthur Compton and Enrico Fermi in the so-called 'metallurgical' laboratory at the University of Chicago. Because he was the first to suggest its name, he is widely credited as the godfather of the nucleonics industry.

"In his long association with the General Electric Co., he was first technical director of its lamp department. Then, later he rose to president and board chairman of the Carboloy Co. From 1945 to 1949, he was vice president in charge of all of GE's chemical and metallurgical operations at Pittsfield, Mass."

Currently, Dr. Jeffries is chairman of the board of Battelle Memorial Institute and vice chairman of the Minerals and Metals Advisory Committee of the National Academy of Science, having long served on its research and development boards for ordnance and for the national defense.

► First Individuals Honored — Surprise of the evening was four special awards—the first personal awards ever given for chemical engineering achievement. They went to:

John Van Nostrand Dorr, chairman of the board, Dorr-Oliver, Inc., whose classifier, agitator and thickener, "that came out of extractive metallurgy is known the world over in chemical as well as metallurgical engineering."

Antoine M. Gaudin, Richards professor of mineral dressing, MIT, "for his brilliant work with AEC and other governmental agencies concerned with extractive metallurgy of the Atomic Age"

Wilhelm Hirschkind, technical advisor to the president, Dow Chemical Co., "personally directed . . . successful application of both ion-exchange and solvent extraction techniques to recovery of atomic-age metals from their ores."

Frank Breyer, chairman of the board, Singmaster & Breyer, "world-wide reputation as a metallurgical and chemical engineer . . . most helpful to CE Achievement Award Committee."

Udy Ferromanganese Gets Commercial Nod

Marvin Udy's new electricfurnace method for winning ferromanganese from plentiful lowgrade ore (*Chem. Eng.*, April 1957, p. 166) is well on the way to commercial acceptance, with a duo of plants in the offing.

Strategic-Udy's prototype plant at Niagara Falls has completed runs on low-grade manganese ore with gratifying results. It termed the process an "economic as well as technical success."

Process features novel smelting technique. Electric-arc furnaces couple short arc with careful feeding to give optimized heating effect.

Strategic has joined with Konpers Co. for commercializing the process. Koppers is developing engineering design and cost estimates for a full-scale plant to exploit Strategic's manganese ore deposits in New Brunswick.

Strategic will also team with Koppers investigating a new application for Udv process—winning of ingot iron from laterite ore. Niagara Falls prototype unit is being converted to make the laterite test runs.

Too, Strategic has formed a new company with Gunnar Mines called Strannar Mines Ltd. New company will use Udv process on chromite ore owned by Gunnar, will produce ferrochrome and other chrome products.

More Rutile Coming From Domestic Mines

Domestic rutile (high-grade titanium ore) shows signs of cutting into the virtual monopoly that Australia has enjoyed in the U.S. market. Latest U.S. producer is Metal & Thermit Corp., which recently opened a \$1.3-million mine and processing plant for rutile and ilmenite ores.

Located in Hanover County, Va., capacity of this new plant is 100 tons/hr. of rutile ore. Adjacent mine site covers 800 acres. It's expected that this mine alone will supply 12% of U.S. rutile consumption in 1958.

Currently, 70% of U.S. consumption—used mainly in titanium production and in coatings

for arc welding electrodes—is supplied by Australia. Virginia is now the third state producing rutile. Previously Florida and South Carolina were only other domestic sources.

Convention Calendar

Combustion Institute, Provisional Western States Section, winter meeting, California Institute of Technology, Pasadena, Calif., Jan. 20.

Compressed Gas Assn., 45th annual meeting, Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York, N. Y., Jan. 20-21.

Ninth Plant Maintenance & Engineering Conference, concurrently with Plant Maintenance & Engineering Show, Hotel Palmer House and International Amphitheater, Chicago, Ill., Jan. 27-30.

Canadian Pulp & Paper Assn., Technical Section, annual meeting, Sheraton-Mt. Royal Hotel, Montreal, Que., Jan. 29.31

Instrument Society of America, symposium on chemical and petroleum instrumentation, Hotel DuPont, Wilmington, Del., Feb. 3-4.

Society of the Plastics Industry, 13th Reinforced Plastics Div. Conference, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 4-6.

Instrumentation and Control in the Process Industries Conference, sponsored by Armour Research Foundation, Hotel Sherman, Chicago, Ill., Feb. 6-7.

American Society for Testing Materials, annual meeting, Hotel Statler, Boston, Mass., Feb. 10-14.

American Society for Engineering Education, 1958 College-Industry Conference, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., Jan. 30-31.

National Society of Professional Engineers, spring meeting. Michigan State University, East Lansing, Mich., Feb. 13-15.



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Mr. Brewer describes operation of two disc filter stations subsequently designed and installed by Eimco, "highly satisfactory. Over a 15 year period of around the clock operation, they have given us a dependable, efficient operation that has increased production and improved product quality."

This performance is a tribute to the durability and high mechanical operating efficiency of Eimco equipment and Hershey's intelligent maintenance program on a "planned" rather than "emergency" basis. From time to time, Eimco engineers and Hershey technologists have worked hand in hand to develop improvements to bring plant capacity to its present 90 tons of solids-per-day production.

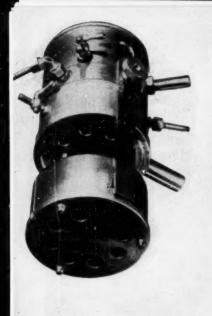
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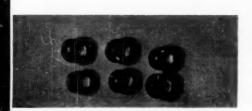
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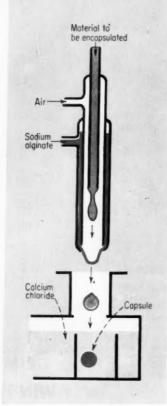
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Pack in Low-Cost Capsules

Profits loom for materials packed in small capsules. Process encapsulates liquids or solids at low cost.

Outstanding simplicity and low cost of a new encapsulating method (U.S. 2,766,478) are claimed to open up this type of packaging for use with low-cost liquids and powders, not miscible with or soluble in water. First used in France, it's now available in U.S. by licensing arrangements.

Until now, capsule packaging has not been economically feasible for such materials. But, with the new Pathus-Labour calcium alginate capsule, they can be marketed in small quantities at a profit. Included are materials such as pharmaceutical products like camphor oil, vitamin oils, turpentine oil and eye washes; household products such as clean-

ing fluids, liquid waxes, shoe polishes and vegetable oils.

Some Actual Costs—A Pathus-Labour installation at Grasse, France, turns out capsules of inexpensive perfume for shipment to Africa at a total production cost of \$6.60/12,000 capsules. Another installation, that of Laboratoire Lyonnaise, Lyons, France, puts cleaning fluid into capsules.

In France, capsule machine costs \$1,200, f.o.b. factory, for an assembled 10-20 nozzle unit (approx. 30 capsules/min./nozzle). Licenses for encapsulating any products but hydrocarbons are available from Mr. J. Pathus-Labour through his U. S. representative, the Council on Public Relations, Inc.,

366 Madison Ave., New York 17, N. Y. For development work on new applications, Mr. Pathus-Labour has arrangements with Southwest Research Institute, San Antonio, Tex.

▶ Seaweed Source—Raw material for the capsule skins is an alginate extracted from certain species of kelp. Capsule shell forms almost instantaneously when sodium alginate solution converts to insoluble calcium alginate on contact with calcium chloride solution.

Material to be encapsulated, say perfume, is introduced through the top of a vertical tube set within a second tube and extending about three fourths of its length. Sodium alginate is supplied through an annular space between the second and a third tube. Across the orifice which terminates tubes two and three, sodium alginate forms a meniscus.

Successive drops of perfume fall from the nozzle of the innermost tube. As each one strikes the sodium alginate meniscus, a slight pneumatic pressure is applied on the inside of the film through the annular space between tubes one and two. Meniscus and perfume fall, the sodium alginate enclosing the perfume in a continuous skin.

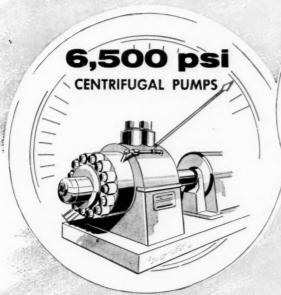
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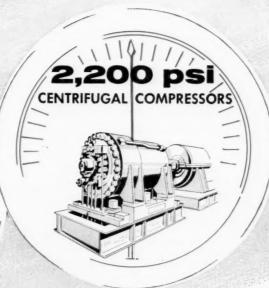
A single nozzle device produces about one capsule per second. A battery of single-nozzle units can be mechanically assembled without difficulty and fed from a single supply source. Or compact multi-nozzle units (see cut) can be built in a wide range.

The capsules are soluble in the gastric juices of men and animals. This dissolution is accelerated when albumin is incorporated into the alginate, and may perhaps be regulated.

There is also a possibility of making the capsules soluble in water by addition of sugar or some other substance. On the other hand, water with a substantial salt content seems to disintegrate the calcium alginate.

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The Southwest Research Institute has proposed to investigate these various potentialities.

► How Big?—Diameter of capsules can be varied between 3/16 and 9/16 in. In a given case, possible limits depend primarily on the specific gravity of the material. Another factor is the resistance and elasticity of the alginate meniscus at the end of the nozzles.

Generally, thickness of the capsule skin depends on diameter; small capsule has thicker skin. However, to a certain extent, skin thickness can be regulated by modifying the size of the annular nozzle opening. It will run from about 0.4 to 0.8 mil.

Portable Oxygen Plants Will Aid Missile Mobility

Air Products, Inc., working with the Army Engineers, has developed a mobile liquid oxygen plant-a real boon for missile fueling at far-flung bases. Using two readily available raw materials-air and diesel fuel-new portable unit produces LOX at -297 F., requires no extra chemicals or cooling water.

Entire LOX plant is contained in four semi-trailers and can be set up anywhere in a few hours. Capacity of this portable plant is about 20 tons/day of 99.5% oxygen. Yield is around two pounds of LOX per pound of diesel fuel.

► Flowsheet on Wheels—Two of the trailer units are identical. Each carries a 1,200-hp, aircooled diesel engine and a rotary compressor which takes air from the atmosphere and compresses it to 100 psi.

Compressed air is fed to a third trailer containing a heatexchange system. Air is cooled by cold nitrogen gas recycling from further process stages. Water vapor, carbon dioxide and other impurities are frozen out.

System is piped so that periodically a blast of nitrogen ejects deposited impurities. Emerging from this unit, air is chilled to near-liquid state.

From Truck to Rocket -Fourth trailer further chills air by heat exchange with cold nitrogen and then the chilled air is flashed, partly liquifying. Liquid air is separated from gaseous portion in a centrifugal separator, then subcooled and passed to a distillation column. Cold gaseous air is reprocessed.

Nitrogen gas is stripped out of the liquid in the column and recycled to heat exchangers. Product LOX is piped to special storage tanks prior to fueling.

New Route for Vanillin From Pulp Sulfite Liquor

A West German firm, Aschaf-Zellstoffwerke, fenburger Aschaffenburger, has developed an improved process for making vanillin from waste sulfite liquor in pulp or cellulose production.

Key step in the process is neutralizing alkaline sulfite liquor with waste carbon dioxide and mixed sodium, potassium and magnesium chlorides, then oxidizing with air under pressure. Neutralizing procedure precipitates lignin derivatives (mainly aromatic alcohols and terpenes) which would hinder extraction of vanillin in neutral solution. Following air oxidation, vanillin is extracted from neutral solution by ion exchange and purified with steam distillation.

New process yields roughly 18.2% vanillin, based on lignin content.

News Briefs

Coal chemicals: Jones & Laughlin is now turning out highpurity aromatics (sulfur content less than 1 ppm.) at its new \$2-million refining plant at Aliquippa, Pa. Using Hydrofining and Udex extraction, the plant processes light oil from coke-oven gas to get 55,000 gal./day of aromatics -about 70% benzene, 20% toluene and 10% xylenes.

Thermionic converter: General Electric physicist Volney Wilson has now converted heat directly to electricity at relatively high efficiencies: over 8%, contrasted with less than 1% for thermocouples. Wilson's converter: Two molybdenum electrodes maintained at high, but different, temperatures (2,500 F. and 1,250 F.) in a glass tube containing a gas at low pressure. The gas, says Wilson, must contain positive ions. Electrons boiled out of the cathode are collected on the anode.

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Chemical Engineering, with which is incorporated Chemical & Metallurgical Engineering, is the successor to Metallurgical & Chemical Engineering, which in turn was a consolidation of Electrochemical & Metallurgical Industry and Iron & Steel Magazine.

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The magazine was originally founded as Electrochemical Industry, in September 1902, and was published monthly under the editorial direction of Dr. E. F. Roeber. It continued under that title until January 1905 when it was changed to Electrochemical & Metallurgical Industry. In July 1906 the consolidation was made with Iron & Steel Magazine which had been founded eight years previously by Dr. Albert Sauveur. In January 1910 the title was changed to Metallurgical & Chemical Engineering, and semimonthly publication was begun Sept. 1,

1915. On July 1, 1918, the title was changed to Chemical & Metallurgical Engineering and weekly publication was begun Oct. 1, 1919. Monthly publication was resumed in March 1925. In August 1946 the words "& Metallurgical" were dropped from the main title to bring its name more in keeping with the editorial content.

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Starting with this first 1958 issue, Chemical Engineering is to be published biweekly.

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Dr. E. F. Roeber was editor of the paper from the time it was founded until his death Oct. 17, 1917. After a brief interim he was succeeded by H. C. Parmelee. Ten years later, Nov. 1, 1928, Dr. Parmelee assumed other responsibilities in the McGraw-Hill Publishing Company and Sidney D. Kirkpatrick was appointed editor.

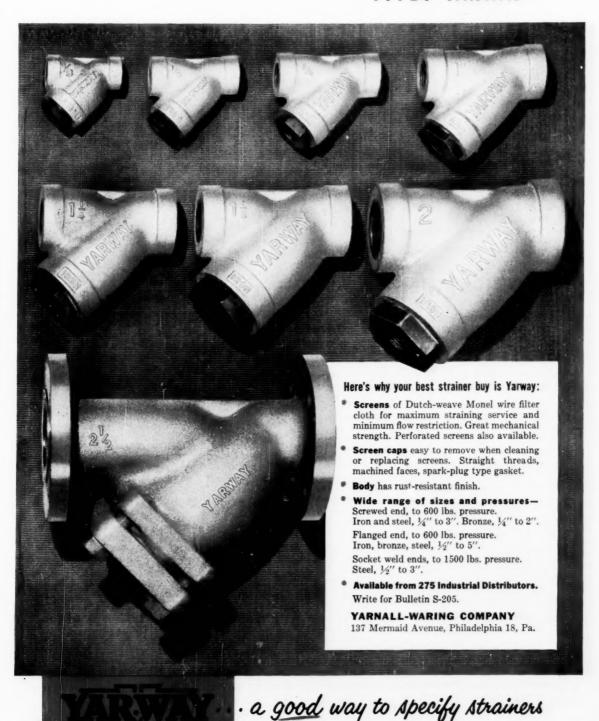
Dr. Kirkpatrick was named editorial director July 1, 1949, and at that time he was succeeded as editor in chief by John R. Callaham.

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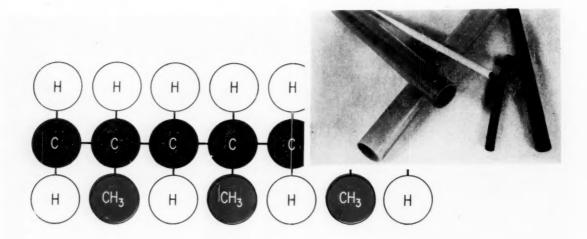
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Isotactic Polypropylene Arrives Here

Resistant to 300 F., isotactic polypropylene is a candidate for hot water plastic pipe. Heat resistance is due to an unusual regularity of structure called isotactic.

A radically new thermoplastic, polypropylene, has been put on the U.S. market by Italy's Montecatini. Made from petroleum byproduct, propylene gas, it is said to be the lightest plastic material ever produced, one of the most heat-resistant thermoplastics, with excellent dielectric properties evén at high frequencies. It has excellent resistance to grease and oil, water, resistance to many common acids, high impact strength.

Controlled crystallinity in the plastic is the key to this unusual combination of properties. Called Moplen, it is based on research by Guilo Natta of Italy on a new polymerization method (see p. 143).

Method makes it possible to obtain linear macromolecules with a spatially ordered "isotactic" structure. Regular polymerized polypropylene has been known in the laboratory for years but is not isotactic and is not highly crystalline.

Eventually, polypropylene will probably be as cheap or cheaper than polyethylene. As yet, producer Montecatini has no price schedule for this country but has been selling its polypropylene in Italy for about 50¢/lb.

The company recently bought land in Huntington, W. Va., near Ashland Oil Co.'s refinery, a potential propylene source. However, report is that it's too early for a decision to build a polypropylene plant. In Italy, company has ordered units which will quadruple its raw material olefin production.

Isotactic polypropylene can be molded easily in the same molds now used for conventional polyethylene—even the largest. It is claimed to have a 10% higher heat resistance than high density polyethylene, with a harder surface warp resistance and a better gloss.

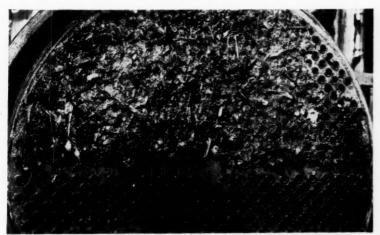
Montecatini has stated that Moplen resists 300 F. and suggests possibilities for hot water plastic pipe. To get some idea of its potential suitability for this application relative to that of low-pressure polyethylene: Phillips states only that bottles made of its Marlex 50 can be sterilized in heat to 250 F.; Allied says that its A-C low pressure polyethylene pipe resin resists boiling water (212 F.) under low pressure.

Films and fibers have been produced from the resin in addition to a large number of molded products. The films show good clarity, are said to be strong and possess excellent dielectric properties. Although molded applications in some instances are expected to overlap with formulations of polyethylene and high impact styrene, the material is said to be more flexible and thus particularly suited to the fiber field. It can be blended with wool, cotton and synthetics. An elastomeric polypropylene may well be the next development to look for from Montecatini. Natta has showed that it's possible to tailor a molecule to give it elastomeric properties.-Chemore Corp., 21 West St., New York, N .Y.

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CONDENSER AND HEAT EXCHANGER TUBE EDITION



Inlet end of first pass of heat exchanger blocked by trash.

Cleaning Methods that Insure Longer Tube Life and Greater Operating Efficiency

The high cost of foreign matter in condenser tubes is all too well known. Slime, marine organisms, silt, cinders and trash—all create the common costly problems of decelerated heat transfer and accelerated corrosion.

An effective tube-cleaning program is of prime importance in helping to keep operating costs at economical levels. As with all conditions of heat exchanger and condenser tube operation, cleaning methods vary in virtually each situation, depending, of course, on the nature of contamination.

In some applications rubber plugs are found to be effective. Brushes and scrapers, too, shot through the tubes by compressed air or water can clear lodged debris. Sometimes, these methods are not wholly satisfactory; the presence of stubborn debris may call for "rodding." Maintaining strainers and using rotating or stationary screens are preventive maintenance aids that pay dividends.

Scale Removal

The use of acids or strong alkaline solutions, which are inhibited to reduce corrosion of the tubes, can often dissolve or loosen scale or slime on the tube walls. Here, again specifics must be known before the correct cleaning solution can be formulated to effectively solve the problem. Very important is the alloy itself; full familiarity with its chemical make-up is essential so that the cleaning solution attacks only the scale and not the metal.

Slime Prevention

A properly set-up schedule of chlorination is highly effective against the formation of slime on tube walls. Water characteristics must be taken into account before the correct concentration of chlorine in the water can be arrived at. Over-chlorination can result in accelerated corrosion by rupturing the protective film on the tube surface. When the chlorination procedure is satisfactory, a red-brown or amber-colored film forms on the tube surface. Slime decomposition also can lead to the formation of ammonia, particularly during shutdown or stand-by, which may initiate stress corrosion-cracking of copper alloys with a high zinc content.

Biofouling

Biofouling organisms should be promptly removed from the tube surface by persistent scrubbing with a stiff brush and water. When these organisms die and dry on the tube surface it is doubly difficult to remove them, especially those with calcareous bases such as barnacles. When allowed to remain, the decomposition products of these organisms destroy the corrosion film and thus

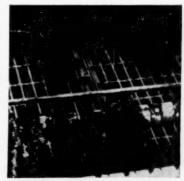


Biofouling in unchlorinated sea water

create a focal point for corrosion pitting. Increasing water velocity, when feasible, prevents the organisms from getting a fast hold, and is often helpful in reducing tube corrosion and maintaining heat transfer.

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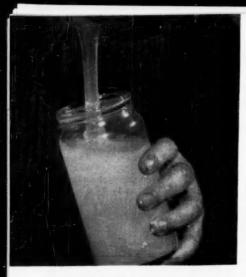


Control of biofouling by chlorination



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Water-soluble resins formed by linking up to 100,000 ethylene oxides.

Polyox water-soluble resins are a new group of exceptionally high molecular weight polymers of ethylene oxide. Dissolved in water at low concentrations, photo above, they have greater thickening power than any material now commercially available. They resist biological attack, oils and greases, have low moisture pickup in dry form, are compatible with other types of polymers such as starch and polyvinyl acetate.

Suggested applications for these new resins include: textile warp sizes; paper coatings; detergents; aerosol hair sprays; toothpastes; water-soluble packaging film; and adhesives.

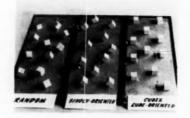
Five grades of Polyox resins representing a range of molecular weights are now available in pilot plant development quantities. Substantial commercialscale production is scheduled for early 1958, and a large commercial unit is planned for 1960. Initial cost of the resins will be \$1.50/lb. Eventually, the cost is expected to drop to the 75¢ range, with an ultimate potential of 35¢. These prices are for three grades; the top viscosity resin will be available shortly at slightly higher cost. A textile grade for sizing cotton is now 75¢.

Polyox resins, formed by linking as many as 100,000 ethylene oxide units, are characterized by a high degree of crystallinity and a combination of thermoplastic properties unusual for

a water-soluble resin. They can be processed by calendering, extrusion and injection molding. Films or sheets can be readily heat-sealed. Plasticizers increase the flexibility and extensibility of the resins.

In water solutions, they show almost no surface activity. Solutions of higher viscosity grades exhibit a definite stringiness. They are soluble in organic solvents such as acetonitrile, methylene chloride and ethylene dichloride. They do not adhere to most common surfaces; hence they are suitable as mold release agents. Where good adhesion is desired, blend with minor amounts of dimethyl hydantoin-formaldehyde resin.

Possibilities of hazards in using Polyox seem to be remote. Standard two-year toxicological feeding tests are not completed, but preliminary data indicate low toxicity. — Union Carbide Chemicals Co., 30 East 42nd St., New York, N. Y. 94A



Magnetic Steel

From tidiest crystal pattern, 4-way magnetic steel.

Small wooden blocks, representing the cubes of silicon-iron crystals in a sheet of steel show why Cubex, a new electrical steel (*Chem. Eng.*, Dec. 1957, p. 142), has such excellent magnetic characteristics.

The direction along any edge of the cube represents an easy path for magnetization; directions across any face of the cube, or diagonally through it, represent difficult paths. When, as in Cubex, each cube rests flat on one side and squarely faces the ends and sides of the tray, good magnetic paths exist along both the width and length of the sheet.

In contrast, the crystals in ordinary singly-oriented silicon-

iron are so arranged that only the lengthwise path exists. In randomly oriented steel, the number of easy paths is guesswork.

Cubex is a product of joint research of Siemens-Halske Vacuumschmelze, Hanau, Germany, and Westinghouse. — Westinghouse Research Laboratories, Pittsburgh, Pa. 94B



N₂-Propelled Aerosols

New nitrogen propellants usher in push-button toothpaste.

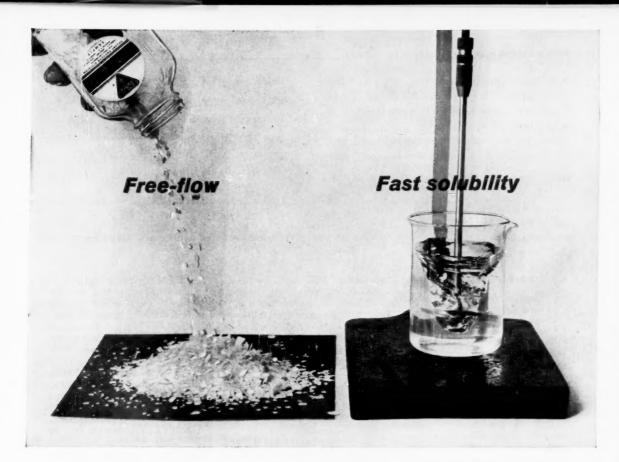
Nitrogen-propelled aerosols, produced for the first time, are said to make many new products available to the pressure packaging marketer. First such products will be a push-button toothpaste, cleansing cream and hair dressing. And a line of food condiments and syrups is now being tested.

In all of these cases, it is desirable that the products emerge in exactly the form in which they're contained in the can. Thanks to the inertness of nitrogen, which acts like an invisible internal piston, delivery of product without physical disturbance by the gas is assured.

In contrast, conventional aerosol products like whipped cream or shaving cream are best used as a froth. This consistency is the natural result of using conventional fluorinated chlorinated hydrocarbon propellants, which mix with and froth the product as it emerges from the can.

The new propellant is said to be much less expensive than these conventional propellants.

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Carbamate Insecticide

Departs from conventional insecticide chemistry to get safety, strength.

Tests to date indicate that a new insecticide, an aryl urethane tradenamed Sevin, controls a wide variety of insects and will rank as one of the safer products for humans to handle.

One of the few synthetic organic insecticides that contain neither chlorine nor phosphorous, and in no way similar to such established insecticides as arsenicals and fluorides, it is known chemically as 1-naphthyl N-methylcarbamate.

Carbide entomologists who worked on Sevin's development found it promises outstanding control, particularly of many leaf-feeding beetles and hardto-kill moth and butterfly worms. Formerly called Compound 7744, the experimental insecticide is now being tested in cooperation with state and federal agricultural experiment station scientists.-Union Carbide Chemicals Co., 30 East 42nd St., New York, N. Y.

Emulsifier-Free PVAc

Freed of emulsifiers, PVAc paint films are free of water-spotting.

With a new method of polymerization called the Q process, vinyl acetate polymers and copolymers can now be manufactured without emulsifiers.

The water sensitivity of these emulsifiers has long presented problems to paint and coating

chemists. Until now, the polymerization of vinyl acetate monomers into useful polymers and copolymers required the addition of substantial amounts of protective colloids or emulsifiers, such as polyvinyl alcohol or hydroxy-ethyl cellulose. When water came in contact with the finished painted surface, emulsifiers would leach out, whitening the film and often leaving a peripheral stain after evaporation.

Q process counterparts will be made available for many of the company's existing vinyl acetate polymers and copolymers. Already in production is copolymer Darex 26980 which parallels the firm's Everflex G. emulsion. - Dewey & Almy Chemical Co., 62 Whittemore Ave., Cambridge, Mass.

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Polyacetal resin, called Delrin, will be made at Parkersburg, W. Va., at a large scale plant now under construction. Among plastics, new product compares most closely to nylon, in foreseeable price and in properties under ordinary conditions. - Du Pont Co., Wilmington, Del.

High energy boron fuel will be produced early this year at a new commercial plant at Lawrence, Kan. Manufacturer is also building and will operate for the Navy a \$38 million plant at Muskogee, Okla., scheduled to start up by the end of the year. Called HiCal, it is expected to power jet planes and missiles "to new peaks of efficiency and performance." - Callery Chemical Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. 96E

New diuretic, extensively tested, has shown superiority in promoting excretion of sodium and chloride from the body, in equal amounts without upsetting the excretion of other electrolytes. Called Diuril, it is 6-chloro-7-sulfamyl-1,2,4benzothiadiazine-1, 1-dioxide. Merck Sharp & Dohme Div., Philadelphia, Pa.

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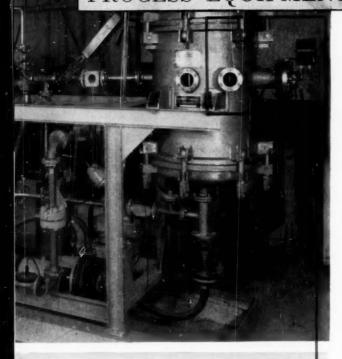
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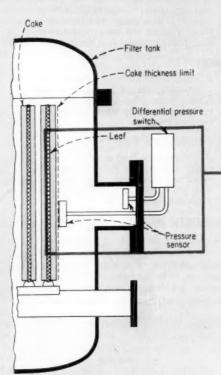
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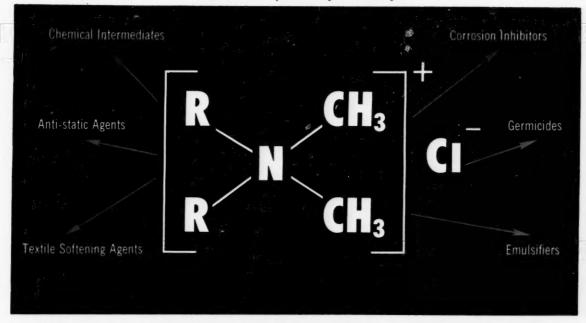
By teaming the cake-thickness indicator with elements which sense flow, pressure and clarity, Durco-Enzinger engineers can automate their filter to make it completely responsive to its operating variables and eliminate direct operator control. No More Broken Leaves—Through positive monitoring of cake thickness, the Durco-Enzinger filter eliminates completely the age-old danger of bridging the leaves with cake and damaging costly filter elements. Even though solids content in feed to the filter varies widely, the thickness indicator will always know when cake reaches the allowable thickness, no matter how much time has elapsed.

► More for Dollar — In addition to offering smoother, more reliable operation, Durco-Enzinger's cake thickness indicator boosts productivity per dollar invested, improves product quality, reduces operating costs.

Normally, sales engineers size leaf pressure filters with a large safety factor. That allows filter to hold unexpected surges of solids without damaging the leaves. However, the operator pays a cost penalty for this safety factor.

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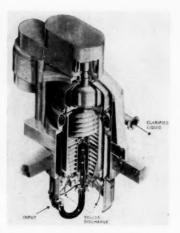
Enzinger's manager and inventor of the cake thickness indicator, Don Stoltenberg, feels that this filter now can compete with continuous rotary vacuum filters on solids that are sufficiently free filtering to deposit a normal leaf cake. Capital investment is considerably less and performance will equal that of the rotary drum vacuum filter.

► Cake Touches Detector— When filter cake reaches the pre-determined thickness, it covers the face of a pressuresensing diaphragm mounted on a tube that extends into the filter tank. Because the diaphragm becomes slightly embedded in the cake, hydraulic pressure on its face is slightly less than tank pressure. Or, in other words, it senses the beginning of hydraulic pressure drop through the filter cake.

Difference between this pressure and that sensed by a similar element exposed to tank pressure actuates a differential pressure switch in the alarm or control circuit.

Enzinger offers the cake thickness indicator as an integral part of new vertical and horizontal leaf pressure filters. Also, the company will install the device on existing Enzinger filters.

To date, all reports show device is reliable over a wide range of filter cakes, pressures and flows.—Enzinger Div., Duriron Co., Dayton, Ohio. 98A



Pressure Centrifugal

Liquid-solid machine for 250 gpm. at 150 psi.

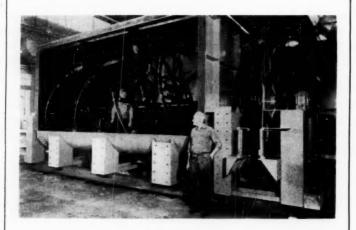
Devotees of continuous centrifugal machinery have a new conversation piece in Sharples new P-7000 Super-D-Canter. Identical in operating principle to previous Super-D-Canters, this new unit is reported to operate successfully with no leakage of vapor at internal pressures up to 150 psi.

Slurry enters the machine at the bottom. Clarified liquor discharges from top of machine, dewatered cake from bottom.

Machine is larger than previous Sharples machines, will handle 200-250 gpm. and 10-12 ton/hr. solids. Driven at 2,000 rpm., the 29-in. dia. by 59 in. bowl produces maximum separating force of 1,640 times gravity.

Rotating assembly of the P-7000 is suspended vertically from one bearing support, a unique design for this type of machine. Bowl is free to rotate around its own center of gravity

Vertical design permits complete sealing of machine with one simple seal at the top of the rotating assembly, far from the contaminating conof the process stituents stream. Bottom seal at the solids-discharge end of the unit is a motionless flange connection to the solids-collecting tank, conveyor or process vessel.—The Sharples Corp., 2300 Westmoreland Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 100B

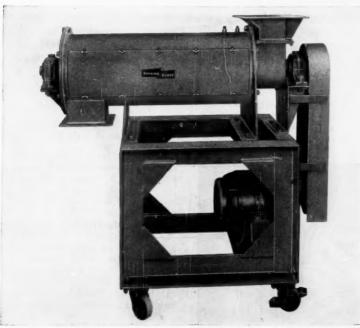


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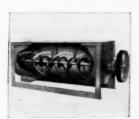
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The TURBULIZER may be furnished in carbon or stainless steel and may be jacketed for hot water, steam or a refrigerant. Capacities will vary depending on the bulk density of the material and the degree of agglomerates encountered. Consult Strong-Scott for full details.



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Fig. 3715 pumps are built in 10 sizes with capacity range and heads to cover the usual requirements of the process industries.—Goulds Pumps, Inc., 38 Black Brook Rd., Seneca Falls, N. Y. 102E

Equipment Cost Index

Industry Avg. of all	June 1957 224 . 1	Sept. 1957 225.0
Process Industries		
Cement mfg	215.3	216.6
Chemical	225.5	226.6
Clay products	209.2	210.4
Glass mfg	213.0	214.0
Paint mfg	216.6	217.4
Paper mfg	217.3	218.3
Petroleum ind	221.1	222.0
Rubber ind	223.9	224.8
Process ind. avg	222.8	223.7
Related Industries		
Elec. power equip	228.4	229.8
Mining, milling	226.9	228.0
Refrigerating	253.0	254.0
Steam power	212.0	212.8

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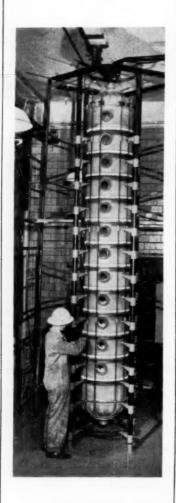
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Front-End Loader

New line features exceptional maneuverability.

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Pressure Detector

Measures vapor pressure continuously.

Now available is new continuous vapor-pressure detector, engineered by the Shell Development Co. Supplied in ranges varying from 50 to 750 psig., it keeps around-the-clock tabs on process-line vapor pressures.

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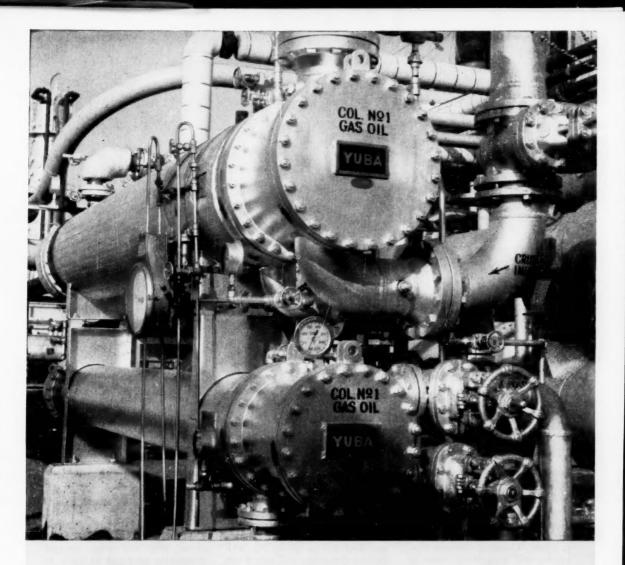
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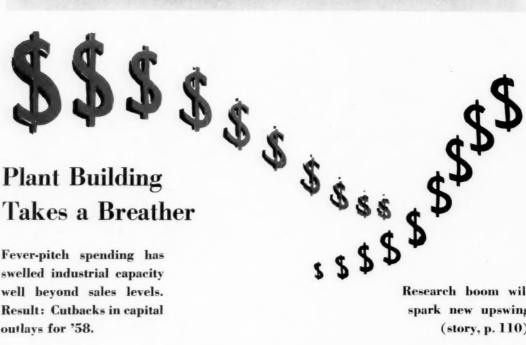
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swelled industrial capacity well beyond sales levels. Result: Cutbacks in capital outlays for '58.

Research boom will spark new upswing (story, p. 110)

William H. Chartener, McGraw-Hill Dept. of Economics

The decrease in spending on new plants and equipment-first since the recession year of 1954 -is expected to amount to 16% for manufacturing companies as a whole. Chemical process companies will be holding closer to their record level of 1957; their spending in 1958 will be off only 7% from last year. And CPI 1958 spending will still represent a higher total than in any other previous year.

All such figures, from a new survey of industry's capital spending plans by McGraw-Hill's Dept. of Economics, indicate there will be a breather in the plant expansion boom of recent years. But, in general, the cuts will not be very deep and are not expected to last long.

Already more than three out of four chemical processing companies plan to maintain or increase their 1958 capital spending rate in 1959. Aggressive new product schedules will compel many companies to put in new facilities in 1959 or soon there-

▶ Paper Slips Most—Big drop in

process industry spending in 1958 will come in pulp and paper, where plant and equipment outlays will trail 1957 by 24%. Stone, clay and glass products spending will be off by 9%, and rubber companies will match the CPI's average decline of 7%.

By contrast, petroleum refining outlays will actually rise 5%, according to present plans, while chemical companies will trim capital spending only 4%.

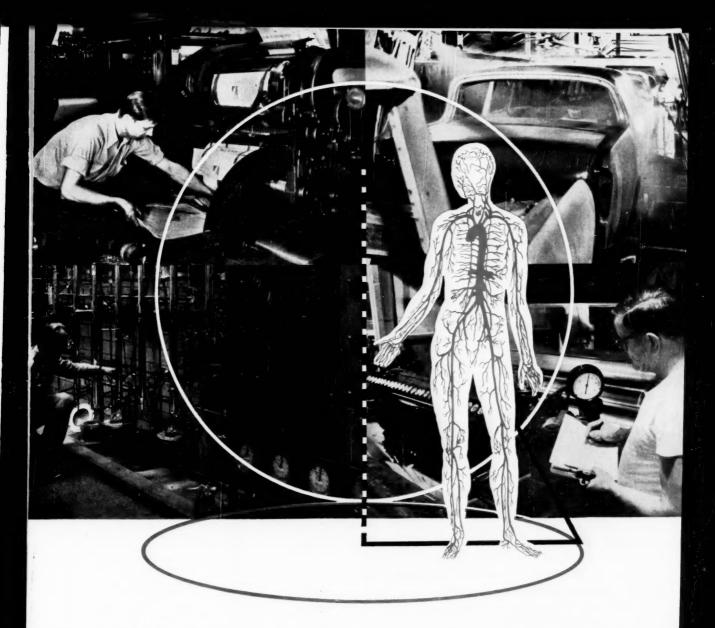
► Too Much Capacity — Main reason behind the lowered sights in plant expansion: Capacity has outstripped sales. Operating rates in all process industries have slipped since the end of 1956. Most companies are now running at less-than-preferred operating rates. (See p 108).

As productive capacity has increased through heavy expansion programs, smaller percentages of potential capacity have had to be used because order volumes have not been growing as fast. Chemical companies, operating at 90% of capacity at 1955's end, slipped to 83% by the end of

Declines in operating rates have occurred in other process industries. Paper ran at 100% in late '55, 96% at the end of 1956, only 90% last September. Stone, clay and glass product companies operated at 94% at the end of 1955, 90% at 1956's end and tailed off to 85% last

In rubber industry and petroleum refining the drop in operating rates has not been quite so sharp, partly because capacity has not been expanded in these sectors as much as in other process industries. But they both have felt the pressure of temporary excesses in capacity in recent months.

► Other Depressions—In shaping reduced plant and equipment programs, the feeling that capacity has mounted too fast for markets is bolstered by a lukewarm business outlook for 1958. Industrial production wobbled through 1957 at levels that failed to match the peak hit at the end of 1956. And few economists expect much improvement this (Continued)



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too. Profit margins have been squeezed the past two years. Heavy investment programs have drawn down cash holdings. And high interest rates continue to make borrowed money expensive.

Plans reported in the McGraw-Hill survey were, of course, only preliminary. Some may have been boosted in final budget reviews. But most companies seem inclined to take a breather before touching off another plant expansion boom.

▶ Research Spending Up—However, the groundwork is being laid for future investment in new producing facilities—via higher research and development budgets.

In chemicals, 57% of the reporting companies will spend more on research this year than last; the other 43% will spend about the same. A third of petroleum companies are upping R&D activities; two-thirds are spending the same as in 1957. In rubber, and in stone, clay and glass, all reporting companies will be spending the same or more than in 1957.

In only one chemical process industry—paper and allied products—did any companies report plans to reduce R&D spending in 1958. Even so, the 4% reporting reduced research outlays are dwarfed by the 65% that say they will spend more in 1958.

These research efforts will inevitably lead to new products, new processes, product or process improvements, or cost-cutting techniques. Pressure to cut costs and meet competition will compel companies to make the capital outlays necessary to put the results of this research to use (see story next page).

▶ New Boom Ahead—McGraw-Hill asked whether present R&D programs will lead to substantial expenditures on new plants and equipment in 1959 or later. In the chemical industry, 65% of the respondents answered they would. In other process industries the "yes" percentages are: paper, 42%; rubber, 91%; stone, clay and glass, 35%; petroleum products, 50%.

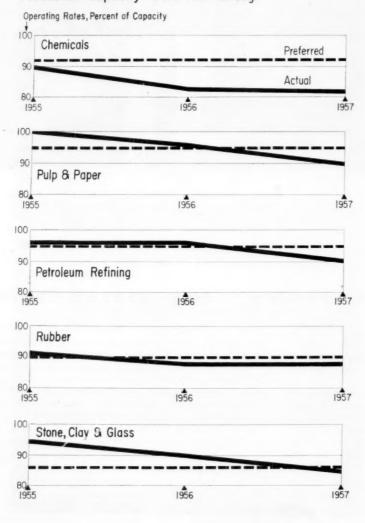
Thus, this increasing stress on research in company planning, at a time when sales and profits are disappointing, is the strongest indication that this year's cutback in capital spending is only a temporary reaction to a bulge in excess capacity.

Chemical Processors Ease Up on Capital Spending (Millions of dollars)

			% Change
1956*	1957	1958	1957-58
1,455	1,795	1,723	- 4
801	847	644	-24
711	889	933	+ 5
201	208	193	- 7
686	604	552	- 9
12,787	13,904	11,614	-16
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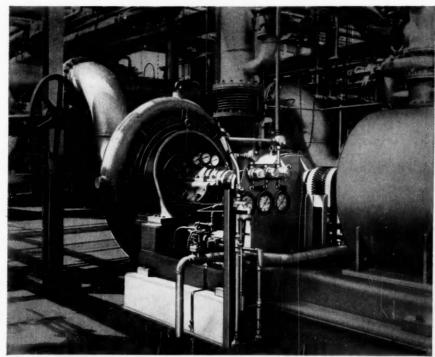
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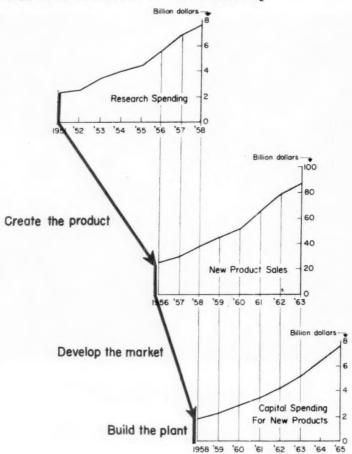
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How Research Leads to Plant Building



Research \$ \$: The Big Spark

You can liken industrial research to a fuse lit about 1951, sizzling by 1954, and timed to touch off an explosive capital spending spree in the early 1960s.

William H. Chartener, McGraw-Hill Dept. of Economics

Research now underway in U.S. industry is paving the way for introduction of new products and processes at an unprecedented rate. This, in turn, sets the stage for the greatest boom in new plants and equipment in our history.

Because of the very nature of research and development, results will not show up overnight. But the steep increase in research in the past few years makes this boom a near certainty sometime in the 1960s. And chemical process industries, with their record of high and steadily rising research expenditures, are sure to play a big part in it.

► Phenomenon of the '50s—Research is still a new activity to many companies. On its present

scale, research is new to almost everyone. Before 1950 very little was spent on industrial research. Then the outbreak of the Korean War brought substantial government contracts for research in aviation electronics and related fields.

But the upsurge of research programs for civilian products is of even more recent vintage—1954 and later. In 1954 the federal tax law was changed to allow business to deduct research outlays as a current business expense. With the end of wartime shortages, business grew more competitive; new products were needed to spark sales.

▶ CPI Leads the Way—Chemical and electrical industries have been ahead of others in research, which accounts for the flow of new plastics, synthetic fibers, drugs and electrical and electronic devices. As late as 1953, for instance, research took only 1¢/dollar of sales in industrial machinery and only 0.2¢ in steel. Compare this with 3¢/dollar of sales in chemicals and electrical machinery.

Even so, research outlays in the CPI have risen sharply in recent years. Comparing planned research outlays for 1957 (as reported to McGraw-Hill's Economics Dept.) and expenditures for 1953, we get these percentage increases: Chemicals, 46%; pulp and paper, 72%; rubber, 53%; stone, clay and glass, 74%; and petroleum refining, 54%.

Furthermore, the chemical process industries already plan to increase research spending by another 20% between 1957 and 1960. So this rising tide of industry effort in research and development ought to have a profound impact on products turned out and on processes used by the CPI.

► Variable Timetable — The timetable for translation of R&D into new products and processes can't be set down with any precision because every industry and every research project is different.

From the beginning of fundamental research on polymerization by condensation, begun by DuPont's Wallace Carothers in the late 1920s, until the first retail sale of nylon stockings, there was a gap of about ten years. On

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the other hand, a crash program to ready a new wonder drug for the market may take only a year or two.

After a new product does hit the market, there is usually a further period before consumer acceptance is strong enough to warrant the heavy outlays necessary to build new producing facilities. For a few months, or even years, the product may be turned out on makeshift equipment or in a small pilot plant.

We can make a rough generalization, however, on the time lag between start of large-scale research and introduction of a new product, and on the further lag before there is substantial investment in new plant and equipment to make the new product.

Seven-Year Average—A survey of research directors conducted by the Economics Dept. of McGraw-Hill shows that the average time lag from start of research to new product is four to six years. And it is probably another two years before a large plant is built.

This adds up to an overall interim of roughly seven years from start of serious research until there is something approaching heavy impact on a company's output and capital expenditures.

▶ Target: The '60s—What does this mean in terms of a forecast? It means that the surge in R & D during the past three or four years will begin to pay off in significant sales of new products and outlays on new facilities sometime in the early 1960s. And the continued rise in R & D now projected through the next three years points to an increasing impact on new product sales and plant expenditures on into the late 1960s.

All this makes sense on other grounds, too. Population experts are forecasting another upsurge in marriages and births around 1965, when the huge numbers of babies born during the war and early postwar years reach marrying age. So in the early 60s industry will be starting to build new plants for these growing markets. And this expansion will include new products and new processes.

► Impact Pattern — Timing for different industries and different

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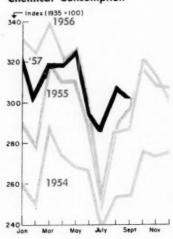
products will vary considerably, even though practically every industry has become research-conscious in the last few years:

New Materials—Over the next few years we can expect an increasing flow of new materials particularly plastics, new metallic alloys, new combinations of metals with plastics or ceramics. There can be little doubt about this phase, because it is already underway.

Consumer Products—Changes in materials and component parts will lead to extensive restyling of products for consumers during the next few years. And the continuing stream of small improvements will be accompanied by great efforts to magnify, via advertising and sales effort, their attractiveness to consumers.

Really basic changes in consumer goods, however, are fur-

Chemical Consumption



Consumption by Industries

	July (Final)	Aug. (Final)	Sept. (Est.)
Coal products	11.9	11.7	11.1
Explosives	11.7	11.5	12.4
Fertilizer	54.4	57.0	62.8
Glass	27.6	30.7	28.6
Iron & steel	16.3	16.9	16.5
Leather	4.1	4.2	4.2
Paint	35.6	36.6	31.9
Pet. refining	31.6	32.6	31.1
Plastics	22.2	25.5	25.6
Pulp & paper	31.8	38.2	35.3
Rayon	25.5	26.6	26.9
Rubber	6.0	6.9	6.7
Textiles	8.4	9.9	9.3
Total	287	308	302

ther off. All-plastic houses, turbine auto engines, personal helicopters and paper wearing apparel—things so new and different they will change the way the family lives—are not in sight until the mid-1960s. All these products are in research and development now, but more work is needed.

Capital Goods — By 1959 or 1960 there should begin to be a significant rise in capital spending for new machines—and for improved versions of older machines, through redesign or addition of new components and control devices. Application, for instance, of specialized computers to industrial control problems will make great headway.

New Processes—Not until the mid-1960s can we expect much in the way of new processes, in the sense of completely new methods of making things. Research of this type usually takes the longest to reach the commercially practicable stage. Also, new processes are frequently devised as economical ways to add new capacity, and present manufacturing capacity is relatively high compared to sales (see p. 108).

New-Process Hopes—But several important industries are now working on radically new processes which they hope to have ready for the next big round of expansion. Some may well be ready by 1965.

The steel industry, for example, is counting on continuous casting for the expansion of the mid-1960s. Many metal products may be produced by direct reduction of ores and by powder metallurgy. The electric power industry hopes that substantial number of its plants will be atomfueled by 1965. And the auto industry hopes to have the truly automatic factory for mass production of the turbine engine.

What all this adds up to, then, is this: Combined impact of new products and new processes—readied to meet an expanding market—will be felt in the mid-1960s. Groundwork is being laid now, in the form of a sharp acceleration in research spending. Meantime, there must be applied research work, pilot plant studies and market development. But the payoff is already in sight.

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by Sam Spinner

CASE #1

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CASE #2

Problem: A particularly hard packed solid had given a plant owner considerable trouble in plowing from his centrifugal machine. His method of plowing consisted of jogging his motor to maintain a plowing speed. This resulted in constant inrushes of power that overheated and burned out his expensive Main Drive Motor.

Solution: AT&M positive speed Unloading Drive was installed as an integral part of the Main Drive Motor. This Unloading Drive, powered by a separate 2 H.P. plowing motor, gave a constant plowing speed of 45 R.P.M. through a rugged worm and gear drive. The operator was able to devote his entire attention to the plowing. The Main Drive Motor, relieved of its plowing duty, gave no further trouble.

CASE #3

Problem: A valuable high viscosity slurry required a high speed clarifier to separate the solids from the liquor. Due to the characteristics of the slurry the conventional type baffle basket could not be used.

Solution: AT&M built a Link-Suspended Type Centrifugal that developed 2000 x gravity. The solid bowl basket with special baffles, built to distribute the load evenly, gave the proper separation.

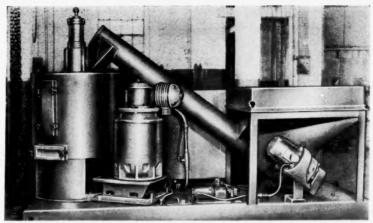
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Problem: An application of a Suspended type centrifugal, with its convenience of plowing out through the bottom, was complicated by the lack of headroom to accommodate the conventional type Direct-Driven Machine.

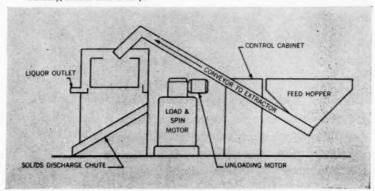
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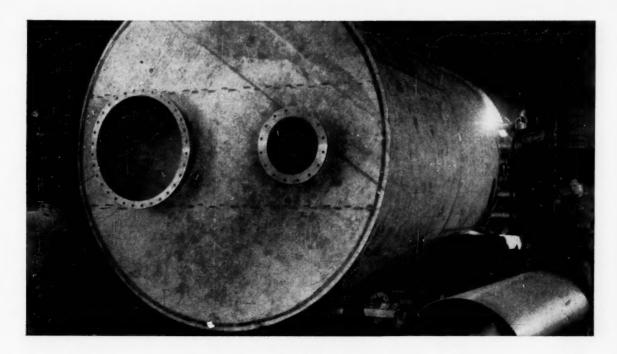
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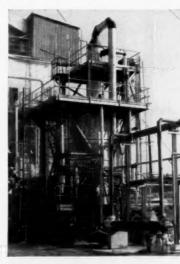
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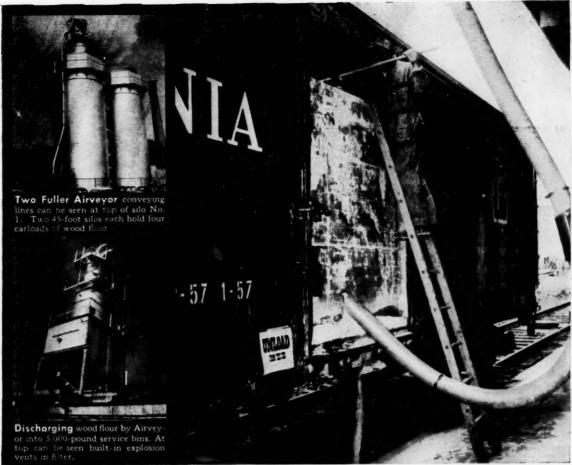
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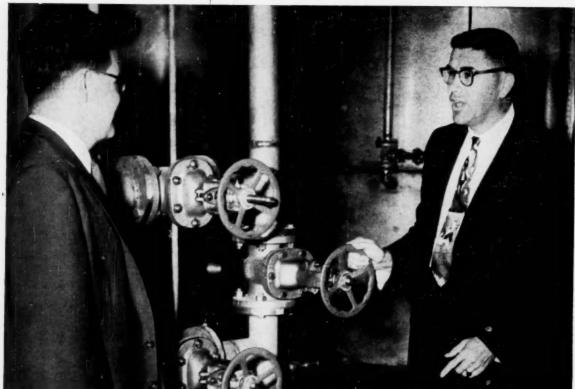
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BEN BUTLER (right), West Coast Production Manager, Borden Company Chemical Division. Left, Bernard Egan, Alaskan Copper & Brass Co., Cooper Alloy distributor for the Pacific Northwest.

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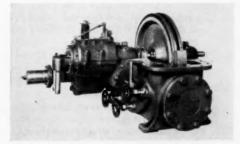
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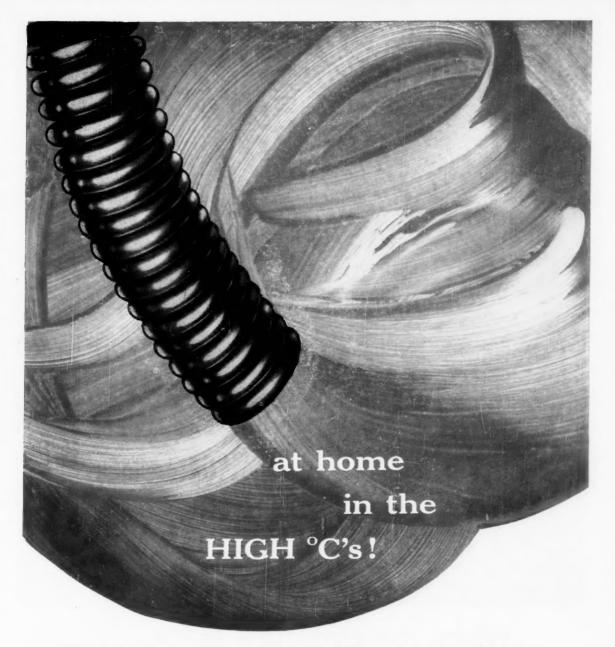
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P₂O₅ with dissolved calcium sulphate, 1% free H₂SO₄, up to 3% hydrofluosilicic acid and fluosilicates and traces of hydrofluoric. Solids are primarily 100-400 mesh gypsum with about 5% 60-100 mesh unattached phosphate particles, mostly silica. Temperature: 158°F. Specific gravity: 1.66. Flow: 480 gpm.

In this service, impeller, shaft and suction head have an average life of 26 months, the impeller casing 31 months. Under slightly less severe conditions in the same plant, other Worthite pumps have had no replacement of parts in three years of continuous use.

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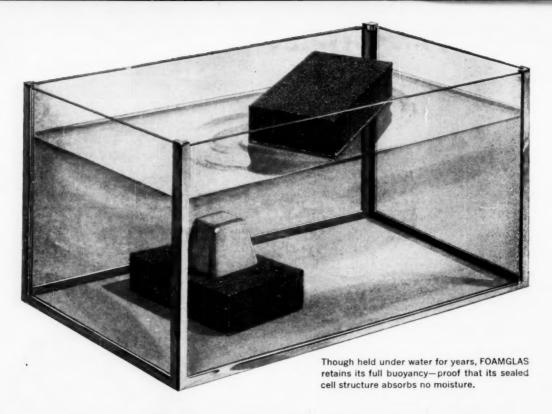


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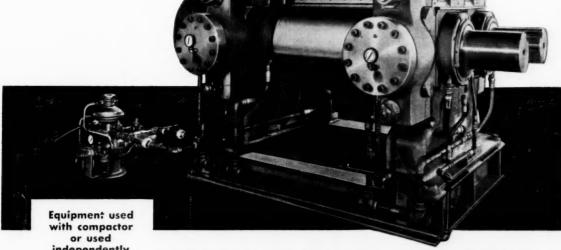


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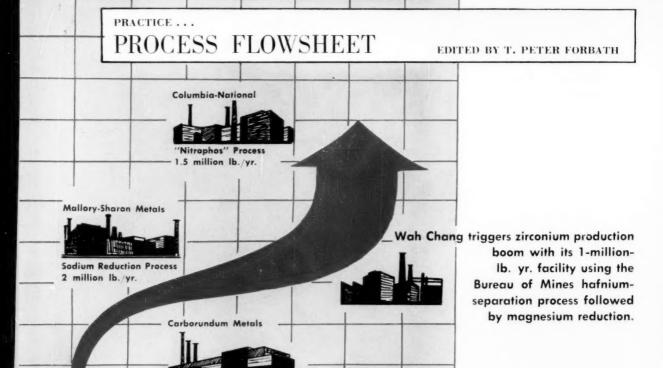




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Magnesium Reduction Process
1.35 million lb./yr.

Last November, little-heralded Wah Chang Corp. delivered the first punch that kicked open zirconium's big commercial round. It brought to full capacity a \$5-million, 650,000-lb./yr. installation at Albany, Ore. scant weeks before its more-talked-of rivals got rolling with their big plants. A completely integrated operation, the new facility goes all the way down the line from zircon sand through the tricky hafnium separation stage to turn out reactor- and commercial-grade (2% Hf) zirconium sponge with a hafnium product on the side.

This plant joins the Bureau of Mines' pioneer commercial installation at Albany that Wah Chang's been operating since 1956. Together they hand WC a total zirconium output of over 1 million lb./yr. of which 300,000 lb. are ticketed for the AEC.

Carborundum Metals has followed hot on WC's heels. On stream since 1953 with a 150,000-lb./yr. plant at Akron, Ohio, it started up a 1.2-million-lb./yr. facility

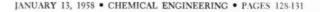
at Parkesburg, W. Va. before 1957's end. Now Mallory-Sharon Metals is completing shakedown runs on its 2-million-lb./yr. Ashtabula, Ohio plant. And Columbia-National is ironing out the bugs in its 1.5-million-lb./yr. installation at Pensacola, Fla.

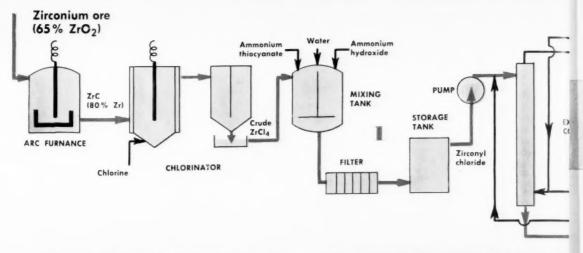
► Classic Flowsheet—In a field brimming with process innovations and variations, Wah Chang operates what may be termed the classic zirconium flowsheet. It combines the Bureau of Mines' hafnium separation scheme with magnesium reduction of zirconium tetrachloride.

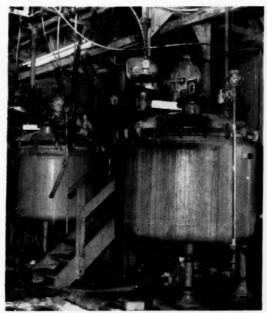
Zircon sand (chiefly zirconium orthosilicate) is first converted to zirconium carbide in an arc furnace. Then, chlorination produces a crude hafnium-zirconium tetrachloride that is fed to a hexone-thiocyanate solvent extraction stage. There the hafnium is separated from zirconium. Zirconium leaves this separation step as oxide, then is chlorinated to pure tetrachloride. Magnesium reduces ZrCl, to the metal. A vacuum distillation stage drives off magnesium chloride and delivers pure zirconium sponge.

► Chief Variations—Carborundum's flowsheet closely parallels this operation. But Mallory-Sharon introduces at least one significant variation. It uses sodium, rather than magnesium, to reduce the tetrachloride.

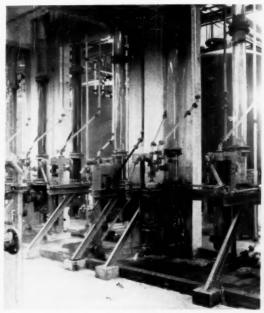
Unfold Flowsheet







MIXING TANK solubilizes Hf-ZrCl, in water to produce zirconyl chloride for Hf-separation stage.



EXTRACTION COLUMNS: Countercurrent hexone-thiocyanate solvent extracts hafnium.

And, though using the BuMines separation scheme right now, M-S has an option on an Australian hafnium-separation process that it may commercialize after current pilot plant studies are completed.

Columbia-National's variation start with the zircon sand. C-N fuses zircon with caustic soda, then separates zirconium from silicon as sodium zirconate. Furthermore, solvent extraction of hafnium is accomplished with tributyl phosphate after zirconate has been converted to zirconyl nitrate.

Making Crude Tetrachloride—Wah Chang mixes dressed zircon ore with graphite, then charges it to an arc furnace. There silicon oxide is driven off and zirconium carbide produced. Charge is crushed and fed to a chlerinator.

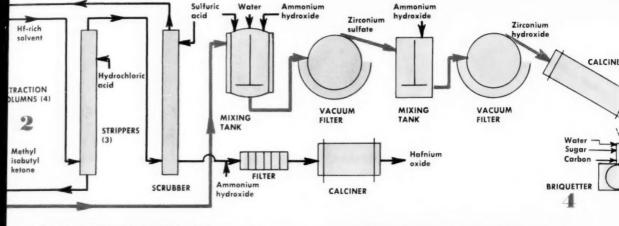
In this unit, a mild steel shell 54 in. dia. and 8 ft. high, chlorine passes up through the bed of zirconium carbide, producing crude Hf-ZrCl, vapor. Initially the

charge is heated with a carbon electrode, fitted vertically through the charge, to promote chlorination. Thereafter reaction proceeds without external heating. Reaction runs at 500-800 C. and 2 psi.

Tetrachloride vapor is collected in a water-cooled condenser as a solid. In the manufacture of reactorgrade zirconium, it then goes to the hafnium-separation stage. But this stage is bypassed in making commercial-grade sponge.

► Solvent Extraction of Hf—Crude tetrachloride is first solubilized in water in glass-lined, agitated, 500-gal. kettles to produce zirconyl chloride. Then, solution is pumped to the extraction system.

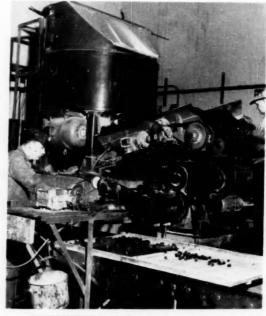
This stage consists of four glass, 6-in.-dia. by 25-ft.-high, open columns in series arrangement. Feed enters top of first against a countercurrent stream of thiocyanate-rich methyl isobutyl ketone. Solvent extracts hafnium, leaving aqueous solution of zirconyl chloride.





CALCINER, electrically fired to 800 C., converts

Hf-free zirconium hydroxide to oxide.



BRIQUETTER: Carbon, sugar and water mix with oxide; extrusion press makes pellets.

Any zirconium still in solvent stream is then stripped out by countercurrent hydrochloric acid stream in three, 6-in.-dia. by 50-ft.-tall glass columns. Acid-zirconium stream recycles to the extraction columns.

Zr-free hafnium raffinate from stripping section is scrubbed with sulfuric acid in a 6-in.-dia. by 55-ft.-tall glass column. Scrubbed solvent recycles to the extraction columns and the aqueous solution of hafnium sulfate is neutralized with ammonium hydroxide. Fed through a gas-fired, unlined mild steel, 18-ft.-long by 18-in.-dia. calciner, hydroxide is converted to oxide. ▶ To Pure Tetrachloride—Zirconyl chloride from the extraction stage is mixed with sulfuric acid and ammonium hydroxide in 500-gal., glass-lined, agitated, steam-jacketed reactors. Zirconium sulfate precipitates at 200 F. and pH of 1.5. A 3-ft. by 6-ft., rubbercovered rotary vacuum filter delivers sulfate to an agitated tank where it's repulped with 28% ammonium

hydroxide to produce zirconium hydroxide. Separated from the ammonium sulfate in another similar rotary vacuum filter, hydroxide feeds through two 3-ft.-dia. by 30-ft.-long stainless steel, electrically fired rotary calciners operating at 800 C. There, pure zirconium oxide is produced.

Lampblack, powdered sugar and water are mixed with the oxide in a ribbon mixer. An extrusion press forms the mix into rod-shape briquettes. These are charged to a 10-ft.-high by 6-ft.-dia., silica-lined steel chlorinator fitted horizontally with three graphite electrodes located half-way up the unit's sides and set 120 degrees apart.

Briquette bed serves as an electrical resistor. It's heated to about 800 C. by three-phase electrical power supplied by 500-amp. transformers. Chlorine gas enters through four inlets below the electrodes and passes up through the bed. Pure tetrachloride vapor

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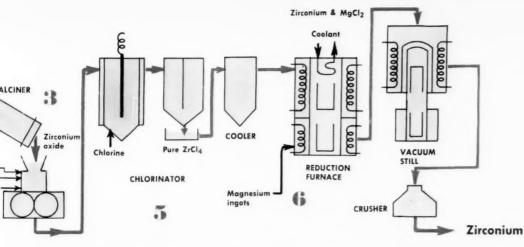
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CHLORINATOR: Cl₂ passes through briquette bed at 800 C., to convert oxide to ZrCl₄.



MAGNESIUM REDUCTION of Hf-free tetrachloride takes place at 825 C. in furnace at left.

oduced passes from the top of the chlorinator to a kel-lined steel condenser where it crystallizes. A clone-type aftercooler completes condensation, haust gases, scrubbed with caustic soda, vent to nosphere.

lagnesium Reduction—Pit-type reduction furees, with retorts measuring 40 in. dia. by 105 in. and fitted with nichrome resistance heating elents, are charged with two crucibles. One, containtetrachloride, is stacked on top of the other, conning magnesium metal pigs. Furnace is sealed, ter aspirators evacuate unit and helium gas backsit to a pressure of roughly 1 psi.

Heating coils raise furnace temperature to about C. Tetrachloride vaporizes and magnesium melts. It, vapor contacts molten metal in lower crucible, cting to form metallic zirconium and magnesium oride. Reaction is completed in about 40 hr.

► Vacuum Distillation—The zirconium-containing crucible, with MgCl₂ and excess magnesium metal still in it, is then loaded into a 40-in.-dia. by 10-ft.-high vacuum distillation retort. Upper portion of retort is enclosed in a bell-type resistance furnace and the lower portion is enclosed in a water jacket.

Crucible fits on a table in the upper portion in an inverted position. Vacuum pump reduces pressure in the unit to about 0.5 microns and furnace heats it to about 875 C. MgCl₂ falls away from the crucible into able cans in the lower portion. Excess magnesium distills off, condensing on the water-cooled walls.

After about 40 hr. distillation is completed and the furnace is lifted off the retort. Helium is admitted to speed cooling. Then unit is evacuated and backfilled with dry air, evacuated again and refilled with atmospheric air. Zirconium, chipped from the crucible with a break-out press, is crushed to size for market.



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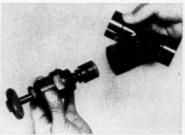
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TECHNICAL TRENDS OF THE YEAR

Here are the editors'
choices of the ten
most significant
technological trends
in process industries
during the past year.



Uranium Production Leads Field in New "Chemical Metallurgy"

With chemical engineering methods penetrating deeply into extractive metallurgy, uranium leads as resin-in-pulp and continuous ion exchange vie with solvent extraction.

The chemical engineer's increasingly effective contributions to the extraction and refining of the "atomic age" metals ranks as one of the outstanding technological trends of the postwar era. This trend culminated last year in the decision of the country's senior chemical engineering educators to recognize some 75 organizations in industry and government for pioneering applications of chemical engineering principles and processes in "chemical metallurgy."

At the top of the list of atomic metals, of course, is uranium. Within a short ten-year span, pros-

pectors, investors, miners and millers, as well as engineers, have wrought a billion-dollar uranium-

producing industry.

Early U.S. mills could handle only 100-200 tons/day of ore; they were mainly vanadium mills revamped to turn out byproduct uranium concentrate by precipitation methods. Most of the newer mills process from 500 to 3,000 tons/day of ore, using the latest techniques of ion exchange or extraction.

While three mills still use the older precipitation methods to recover uranium from purified leach liquors, they are handicapped by large consumption of reagent chemicals, incomplete precipitation and loss of valuable uranium with the plant effluent.

Uranium recovery via ion exchange appeared on the scene about five years ago, following the discovery that uranium complexes could be extracted selectively from sulfuric acid solutions with anionexchange resins, rather than extracting uranium ions with cation-exchange resins. Initial applications used fixed beds of resin in columns.

Just two years ago, however, Anaconda put into operation the first resin-in-pulp plants at Grants, N. M. In this process, baskets of resin are dipped up and down in the unfiltered, leached pulp, thus eliminating the costly, troublesome filtration step. RIP has caught on fast; six mills now use it.

First truly continuous, commercial-scale countercurrent ion exchange recovery of uranium has just reached full output after startup last fall at Union Carbide Nuclear's Maybell, Colo., plant. Working on either clear liquor or pulp, the system saves capital, operating and maintenance costs. Resin and pregnant pulp or liquor flow countercurrently through a series of exchange or elution contactors adapted from Infilco's Aero-Accelator.

Another chemical engineering technique, now vying with ion exchange for the uranium-processing spotlight, is solvent extraction. First to apply this process to sulfuric acid leach liquor was Kerr-McGee, who put its unit at Shiprock, N. M., on stream 15 months ago. Two other mills followed suit during 1957. According to Kerr-McGee, a solvent extraction system costs approximately one-third as much to install as an equivalent ion exchange unit. It's easy to operate and competitive on cost of reagent.

Typical solvent system is di-2-ethyl hexyl phosphoric acid plus tributyl phosphate in kerosene. TBP prevents formation of a third phase during stripping (usually done with soda ash solution), also boosts extraction power of the solvent through a synergistic effect. Other synergistic agents, such as phosphonate compounds (characterized by the now-available dihexyl hexane phosphonate) seem destined for early adoption because they increase

the extraction coefficient many-fold.

Several variations on the solvent extraction theme may emerge from their present experimental status to make this technique competitive with RIP ion exchange in elimination of the filtration step. One scheme is solvent extraction of leached pulp. Another is "solid solvent extraction," in which activated carbon, loaded with an adsorbed solvent, is the extraction agent. A third is direct solvent leaching—percolation of a mineral acid-solvent-diluent through the ore on a pervious moving belt.



Steel Industry Exploits Hydrogen

Hydrogen plus chemical engineering is doing several steel industry jobs. Most striking is direct iron-ore reduction in fluid beds.

Rusion of chemical and metallurgical technologies is the trend not only in the production of "atomic age" metals but also in the venerable steel industry. Chemical engineers are contributing their ideas and talents all along the line, from iron ore beneficiation to improvement of byproducts.

Hydrogen figures prominently in several of the steel industry's chemical engineering developments which were in the spotlight during 1957. Foremost among these is hydrogen reduction of iron ore in

fluidized beds.

Greatest progress, judging by published reports, was chalked up by Hydrocarbon Research, Inc., and Bethlehem Steel, joint developers of a process that uses hydrogen from a partial-oxidation unit to reduce iron ore fines at about 900 F. and 400 psi. This work culminated in the announcement late in the year that Alan Wood Steel Co. had ordered a 50-ton/day unit which would be used to produce iron powder at Ivy Rock, Pa., for the powder metallurgy market.

HRI proved out its process in an experimental unit at Trenton, N. J., using a reactor 34 in. I.D. by 30 ft. high. Other groups were also running similar pilot plants last year—e.g., U.S. Steel at Chicago and Arthur D. Little, Inc., at Cambridge, Mass. USS also uses hydrogen, but employs higher temperatures and lower pressures (1,100-1,700 F. and 15-30 psi.) than HRI. ADL, with a two-stage pilot reactor 12 in. I.D. and 30 ft. high, uses methane as reducing agent.

Main attraction of fluid-bed iron ore reduction is its relatively low capital cost compared with the traditional blast furnace. In addition, fluid-bed units may be practical in small sizes. But savings in operating costs will depend largely on the price

of the gaseous reducing agent.

In another, markedly different, way chemical engineers last year were putting hydrogen to work for the steel industry. This was the hydrogen treating of coke-oven aromatics (benzene, toluene, xylene) as a means of achieving higher purities and meeting competition from petroleum-derived B-T-X.

First two such operations in the U.S. reached commercial stature during 1957. Jones & Laughlin brought in a 55,000-gal./day installation at Aliquippa, Pa., using a modification of Esso's Hydrofining process. And U.S. Steel now has a 150,000-gal./day operation at Clairton, Pa., based on a Koppers-engineered German process. Both plants

use a Udex solvent extraction system to separate the aromatics from nonaromatics in the light oil.

Over in England, meanwhile, the Coal Tar Research Assn. was putting through a pilot plant its own version of hydrogen refining of benzene. Backers claimed shorter contact, lower pressures.

Despite differences in details, the hydrogen refining processes all employ the same basic idea. Crude light oil is reacted with hydrogen in the presence of a catalyst (metallic oxide or sulfide) to convert unwanted sulfur compounds into hydrogen sulfide. Coke-oven gas (45-55% H₂) can be used instead of hydrogen, but at a higher operating pressure; partial pressure of H₂ is the important thing.



Semiconductors Point to Gains in Both Production and Use

With germanium purification substantially conquered, two large germanium rectifier installations are operating.

AGAINST a background of continued rapid growth in sales of semiconductor devices, 1957 chalked up several notable developments in both their metallurgy and their application.

Number of producers of the newer of the two commercial semiconductor materials—hyperpure silicon—increased from two to eight. The first two large-scale installations of germanium rectifiers started up, both for chlorine production. With germanium purification just about licked, manufacturers came to closer grips with attainment of the still higher purity needed in semiconductor silicon.

Two of the new silicon producers claimed less than one part impurity in 6 billion parts of silicon—6 to 18 times better than competing claims. Progress toward making of higher-frequency devices was furthered by the new Bell Laboratories diffusion process which gives better control in the addition of impurities to silicon and germanium to form semiconductor junctions.

Possibility that chemical compounds may become the semiconductor materials of the future, rather than single-element materials like silicon and germanium, is suggested by GE's announcement of a silicon carbide rectifier which has operated at temperatures as high as 1,200 F. Silicon's best previous operating range has been 400-500 F.

Diamond Alkali, at Deer Park, Tex., uses one of the two new germanium rectifier installations on a load of 52 De Nora cells of 120,000 amp. each. With mercury-arc rectifiers, which operate efficiently in the 600+ voltage range, about three times as many 40,000-amp. cells would be needed to produce the desired over-all voltage drop. At Deer Park, the voltage drop across the 52 cells is less than 250.

It seems likely that germanium rectifiers will continue in demand where large quantities of low-voltage direct current are required. Germanium junctions are good for about 100 v., and no more than two can be efficiently connected in series. In contrast, single silicon junctions can produce up to about 300 v., d.c., for higher-voltage applications.

Purity has been the problem in semiconductors. Greater purity would increase reliability of existing devices and make new ones possible. In germanium, impurities no longer interfere when there is one atom impurity per 10° atoms germanium. With silicon the ratio is 1/10°, obviously a long way from the best 1/(6 x 10°) ratio announced by newcomers Merck and Westinghouse. With only Du Pont and Sylvania initially in the hyperpure silicon field, last year also saw the entry of Bell Labs, W. R. Grace, Eagle-Picher and Texas Instruments.

Besides its need for higher purity, silicon's greater affinity for its impurities makes it harder to purify than germanium. Where Bell Labs' carbon-crucible zone-refining process worked beautifully for germanium, it would give carbon contamination of silicon. Heretofore the best commercial compromise has been to use quartz containers, but Bell Labs' new automatic floating-zone refining process does away with containers entirely.

Here a solid rod of material to be purified moves repeatedly past a heating zone. Impurities dissolve preferentially in the melt and are swept to one end.



Technology Puts the Heat on Construction Materials

Rockets, missiles, high-temperature process uses are demanding better materials. Both metals and non-metals are showing the way.

N EED for better materials for high-temperature service became acute last year as the programs in rockets, missiles, aircraft and nuclear energy took on still higher priority. High-temperature chemical processing gained in urgency, too. Materials to withstand temperature levels above 1,200 or 1,500 F. are therefore on the march.

It is unfortunately true that high-temperature materials suitable for rockets, since they need only a short life, are often of little use for high-temperature industrial service. For example, many materials that are ordinarily considered only for low-temperature applications—such as plastics—stand up well for short-time high-temperature use.

Molybdenum has now become available in com-

mercial sizes and shapes. Outstanding in its hightemperature strength, it does oxidize catasprophically at temperatures over 1,200 F. The problem is to devise a protective coating to prevent this, but efforts have been unsuccessful so far.

Columbium (niobium), the atomic-energyspawned metal, is now in the high-temperature limelight. While it also oxidizes, the rate is only 5% that of molybdenum; the oxide is adherent and nonvolatile, so that columbium and its alloys appear to

be headed for the 1,800 F. range.

Among high-temperature nickel alloys is the new nickel-chrominum-iron-titanium alloy, Incoloy-T, which comes in sheets for temperatures to 1,400 F.

Two striking high-temperature developments were announced in the ceramic field. Corning's Pyroceram, a crystalline "glass" family of ceramics, is said to be harder than high-carbon steel, lighter than aluminum and nine times as strong as plate glass. It differs from glass in being crystalline and from other ceramics in having a much finer crystal structure.

Pyroceram is melted and formed like glass and can be shaped while molten by conventional glassforming processes. Batch materials are inexpensive. It is expected to be more costly to produce than glass, but a good deal cheaper than alloys such as stainless steel. It is said to be outstanding in its resistance to corrosive agents at high temperatures.

Secret of the unusual properties of this material seems to lie in the use of one or more nucleating agents in the melt. After forming, the material is heat-treated so that the nucleating agents form submicroscopic crystals, each acting as a center of crystal growth. Control of batch composition and crystal growth permits tailoring to suit.

Numerous uses for Pyroceram can be envisioned, not only in high-temperature, corrosive process service, but probably in missiles and jet engine parts as well. More prosaic applications may include architectural curtain walls and cooking ware.

Two years ago a team of GE scientists applied high temperatures and extreme pressures in the production of the first practical man-made diamonds. By somewhat similar techniques the same team has now produced Borazon, a cubic boron nitride made at pressures over 1 million psi. and temperatures above 3,000 F. This development opens up exciting possibilities for the use of similar techniques in the synthesizing of other high-temperature materials that don't exist in nature.

Borazon's unusual properties come from its crystal structure, which differs from that of ordinary boron nitride. In the latter the structure is hexagonal, with the crystals spaced farther apart than in the cubic Borazon. Here, alternating atoms of boron and nitrogen are packed together almost as closely as the carbon atoms in diamond. Borazon and diamond can scratch each other, but Borazon withstands temperatures to 3,500 F. and more twice as great as diamond.

The initial samples of the new nitride were tiny crystals of black, dark brown or red coloration, and first applications are likely to be in industrial grinding, cutting and polishing tools. Recalling the principle of "What good is a baby?" nobody can yet

predict how far this development may go.



High-Energy Fuels Head for Stratosphere

Boron-based chemical fuels are big news in military aviation today. However, solid propellants may gain preference in missiles.

N INETEEN hundred fifty-seven takes its place in history as the year that gateways to the infinite reaches of outer space.

Russia startled the free world when it hurled Sputnik I into its celestial orbit. The missile and satellite program in this country vaulted to a position of priority surpassing, at least in financial support, the atom bomb Manhattan Project.

Challenged by these developments, chemical engineers faced the vital task last year of producing fuels and propellants packing a more furious punch than that offered by usual liquid and solid fuels.

The boron-based chemical fuels generated the most widespread interest and activity. Callery Chemical broke ground in March at Muskogee, Okla., for a \$38-million alkyl boranes plant, for the Navy, due on stream by this year's end. In June, Olin Mathieson put into operation a privately financed, \$5.5-million semicommercial high-energy fuels installation at Niagara Falls, N. Y. A scant month later, it started construction on a \$36-million Air-Force-financed plant at nearby Model City, N. Y. Startup is slated for early 1959. And before the end of 1957, OM had swung on stream a \$4.5-million interim facility for the Navy.

Makers of intermediates for the boron fuels were equally busy. In September, Metal Hydrides, with its \$9.2-million Navy contract, brought into operation a \$5.5-million sodium borohydride plant at Danvers, Mass. Stauffer Chemical completed a boron trichloride unit at Niagara Falls earlier in 1957.

All this activity is just a beginning. Predicts one industry-wise observer, "These fuels will become a billion-dollar industry within ten years.'

Attraction of the boron propellants stems from the fact that upon burning they release about 1.5 times as many Btu./lb. as do petroleum hydrocarbons. Hydrogen, with its matchless heat release but with its discouraging handling problems, is locked in a more easily handled form with highheat-release boron. Lightweight combustion products also contribute to a high specific impulse (which is directly proportional to the square root of combustion chamber temperature and inversely proportional to the square root of molecular weight of combustion products).

However, the borane molecules themselves pose some handling problems and are rather unstable. Tacking on an alkyl group (e.g., ethyl) goes a long way towards easing these conditions.

Exactly how these alkyl boranes are made has remained under government wraps up to now. But, essentially, here's what's involved: An alkali-metal hydride or borohydride is reacted with a boron halide to form a borane. Then a metal alkyl reacts with the borane, producing alkyl borane.

Stature of solid propellants increased last year, with the prediction by some authorities that high-energy solid fuels would eventually prove to be the preferred propellants for long-range missiles. Underscoring last year's interest in solid propellants were Thiokol's new privately owned facility at Brigham City, Utah, and plans of Hooker and Foote Mineral for joint manufacture of perchlorates.



Fuel Cell Converts Gases to Electricity

Long the dream of efficiency-conscious engineers, fuel cells may be on the verge of commercial success. The Army is now using them.

ANY energy-conversion process making use of a heat engine has its theoretical thermal efficiency limited to that of the Carnot cycle. Hence fuel cells, which convert fuel energy direct to electricity without an intervening heat engine, have long been an attractive idea to inventors.

During 1957 National Carbon Co. announced a major breakthrough in fuel cell conversion of hydrogen and oxygen to electricity. Developed to provide the Army with a completely noiseless generator for portable radar sets, success came with the perfection of a specially catalyzed porous-carbon electrode. Banks of electrodes are sealed in a container holding KOH electrolyte. When oxygen is diffused through the positive electrodes, hydrogen through the negative, a 1-v. potential difference is set up, enabling a current to flow through electrolytic action.

Thus, as long as the two gases are supplied, the cell produces current, with a byproduct of water which is discharged by evaporation. Over-all efficiency is about 65 to 80%, compared with 35% for the best heat engines. Output is 1 kw./cu. ft. of cell volume. National Carbon believes that use of higher operating pressures (e.g., 150 psi. rather than 1 atm.) might up output to 10 kw./cu. ft.

Although the O₂-H₂ fuel cell would seem to have a wide range of potential uses, National Carbon is conservatively awaiting developments before making plans for development of non-military markets.

Any large-scale future use of the O₂-H₃ fuel cell would depend, of course, on availability of cheap hydrogen. London Transport Authority is understood to be considering the possibility of using fuel cells to carry electric-railway peak loads, generating

the H₂ and O₂ with offpeak power. Several other ideas, probably quite far in the future, might be able to proved hydrogen for competitive power.

One idea would be to use atomic reactors to decompose water—at present an unwanted property. This would sidestep the steam cycle and up the efficiency. Another would be to use the sun's ultraviolet radiation to decompose water, thus solving the problem of storing solar energy at night.



Pipe-Dream Comes True: Pipelines Now Delivering Solids

Commercial use of one 72-mile slurry pipeline and experimental use of another 108-mile line mark a future trend in solids transport.

WITH energy supply one of the most vital of today's problems, it is not surprising to find fuel transport being subjected to study, along with the energy sources themselves. A potentially significant approach to cheaper fuel delivery is the slurry solids pipeline, which received two large-scale try-outs last year.

Both of these pipelines are handling solid fuel materials—one, gilsonite destined for conversion to gasoline, fuel oil and coke; the other, bituminous coal for use in a utility plant. But if the method works out, it is likely that other non-fuel minerals will also be transported by pipeline in the future.

American Gilsonite's 6-in. slurry pipeline is in actual commercial use, transporting 700 tons/day of minus 8-mesh gilsonite as a suspension of roughly 35% in water. Plunger pumps operating at 2,000 psi. force the slurry through the 72-mile line and over a mountain pass 2,700 ft. above the pumping station at the mine head.

The gilsonite pipeline represents a solution to a severe transport problem posed by terrain. However, the pipeline traverses country which is no more difficult than has already been conquered by oil pipelines. The alternate truck route is 110 miles longer. With the coal pipeline, however, the problem is to reduce the cost of freight haul, which will doubtless motivate other solids pipeline uses.

Pittsburgh Consolidation Coal Co.'s coal pipeline, now being tried out for delivering 14-mesh bituminous coal to Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co. 108 miles away, is designed to handle 3,600 tons/day. Plunger pumps at the mine and at the 30- and 60-mile points maintain a pressure of 1,000 psi. Since the density of coal is much more than that of gilsonite, it is necessary to carry a considerably higher flow velocity than the 3.4 fps. used for gilsonite.



Soaring Demand for Liquid Fuels Gets Assist From Fuel Solids

Though Fischer-Tropsch is economically out in U.S., other solid-to-liquid fuel processes are getting, or are about to get, a real trial.

PRODUCTION of liquid hydrocarbon fuels from non-liquid feedstocks has blossomed into large-scale reality. Chemical engineers last year:

 Put finishing touches on the SASOL Fischer-Tropsch plant for producing liquid fuels from South African coal.

Brought on stream in Colorado a unique refinery for making gasoline from gilsonite solids.

Began operation of a 300-ton/day experimental retort in an effort to prove out the economics of a Colorado shale oil industry.

 Undertook design of a large-scale plant for coaxing oil from Alberta's rich Athabasca tar sands.

Meanwhile, down in Brownsville, Tex., the illstarred venture originally known as Carthage Hydrocol began grinding to a halt as Amoco Chemicals, its present owner, tagged the natural-gas-based Fischer-Tropsch operation a technical success but an economic failure.

In retrospect, it appears that the Brownsville operation was doomed almost from its conception by skyrocketing demands for natural gas as a premium domestic and commercial fuel. Fischer-Tropsch synthesis just can't compete with liquid petroleum in the U.S. economic picture today.

In contrast, the South African economic situation seems to be made to order for successful liquid-fuel synthesis. The SASOL plant sits over a coal mine, gets its raw material (from seams more than 20 ft. thick) at a delivered cost of 60 cents/ton. And the plant is located several hundred miles inland, near the Johannesburg marketing area, competing with imported petroleum fuels.

American Gilsonite Co.'s new operation in western U. S. also contains the ingredients basic to economic success. The solid hydrocarbon mineral, gilsonite, is mined hydraulically at Bonanza, Utah, and transported as a slurry 72 miles via pipeline (see above) to provide the refinery at Fruita, Colo., with a feedstock costing less than \$2/bbl.

Solid gilsonite is converted into gasoline by melting it to a liquid hydrocarbon, charging it to a conventional delayed coker, catalytically reforming the coker overhead with the aid of makeup hydrogen generated from byproduct LPG. High-octane product has a ready market in the Colorado-Utah area. Coke is calcined into a premium, electrode-grade product for shipment to the Pacific Northwest's aluminum industry.

At Grand Valley, less than 100 miles from the gilsonite refinery, Union Oil was putting through its paces a \$1.5-million prototype oil shale retort with a capacity of more than 300 tons/day of shale. Union aims to find out whether this retort can recover oil from rock shale at a cost which, extrapolated to large-volume operation, would make the entire process of mining, retorting and refining competitive with production of petroleum crude oil. And over in Denver the Aspeco shale oil process—based on solid-solid contacting of shale with heated grinding balls—was getting a 25-ton/day tryout.

On still another front, Royalite Oil Co. engineers were working on plans for a \$50-million commercial development program for unlocking the hydrocarbon wealth of the Athabasca tar sands. Most likely processing scheme involves mining the sands, diluting with a light oil, separating the sand from the liquids centrifugally and refining the oil.



Directed Catalysis Improves Organics

From xylene oxidation to a variety of polymer developments, better understanding of catalysis is paying off in simplification of processes, higher yields, new products.

In the petrochemical field, Amoco Chemicals is betting heavily that a new xylene oxidation process will restore some of the prestige—and money—lost in its unsuccessful Fischer-Tropsch venture (see above).

The wager: A \$10-million plant at Joliet, Ill., due on stream late this summer. The process: Scientific Design's one-step, liquid-phase air oxidation of aromatic hydrocarbons. The prize: 60 million lb./yr. of phthalic, isophthalic, terephthalic and benzoic acids for rich markets in paints, plastics and fibers.

Overseas, too, the SD process has its backers. France's Pechiney, Japan's Mitsui Petrochemical and Maruzen Oil have bought licenses.

Beauty of the process lies in its ability to oxidize xylene isomers—singly or in a mixture—to their respective phthalic acids in one pass. This would seem to give it an inherent simplicity, flexibility and economy unequalled by any other known xylene oxidation technique.

Only the sketchiest information on the Scientific Design process is available. But patent data suggest use of bromine with a heavy metal catalyst, oxidation temperatures on the order of 200 C. and pressures of 200-400 psi.

On the polymer front, last year was a triumphant one. The first commercial low-pressure polyethylene in the U.S. came on stream. (Capacity at year's end stood at 200 million lb.) Pilot plants for production of polypropylene got under way in Italy (Montecatini) and West Germany (Hibernia). The natural rubber molecule (polyisoprene) was synthesized on pilot-plant scale by Firestone, Goodyear and Goodrich-Gulf Chemical. DuPont announced plans for commercializing Delrin acetal polymer. And a new family of plastics, the polycarbonates, was disclosed by General Electric, Eastman Kodak and Farbenfabriken Bayer.

All the polymer developments have this in common: A "directed" polymerization, a precise orientation of monomers under the influence of complex organometallic catalyst systems. Low-pressure polyethylene has a more linear, more crystalline structure than does the conventional high-pressure variety. Polypropylene and other polyolefins in the development stages are essentially crystalline in makeup. The trick in natural rubber synthesis is proper orientation of isoprene monomers in the final polymer. And polycarbonates are polyphenols linked in linear fashion by short, sterically strong carbonate groups.



Maintenance Zooms as Automation Gains

Process industries are finding that maintenance is becoming indistinguishable from operation. In some plants maintenance men already outnumber operating personnel.

ALTHOUGH it's not exactly parallel to the other technological developments of this rapidly changing era, the zooming importance of maintenance as a part of the operating function is actually a sort of composite of many of them. Maintenance personnel are responsible for a sizable part of the production cost load; in some process plants they have even become more numerous than those in operation.

Not so long ago, maintenance was usually regarded as an unwanted stepchild in chemical process plants. Now the spread of automatic control and continuous processing has changed all that. In a recent survey of 226 industrial plants in ten major categories, Factory Management & Maintenance magazine found that the group comprising 35 chemical, petroleum and rubber plants had the highest percentage of maintenance personnel and the lowest percentage of operating personnel of any of the groups surveyed.

The chemicals group, with nearly 21% of all production personnel in maintenance, was followed closely by the other two process groups surveyed—pulp and paper, and stone, clay and glass. At the

same time, the chemicals group had the highest percentage of supervisory and specialized staff personnel of any of the groups.

Remember, these are averages. In highly developed continuous-flow process plants the position of maintenance may be still more marked. Du Pont's experience since 1940 has shown that, among hourly workers, the number of maintenance personnel increased 170% while other operating personnel were increasing by only 25%. At Du Pont's Sabine River Works, Orange, Tex., the maintenance roll already exceeds the operating roster by more than 20%.

This trend will continue. Maintenance to an ever greater extent is becoming a prime part of the operating function—in fact, maintenance and operation are tending to become indistinguishable.

The consequence is that trained maintenance supervisory personnel and skilled maintenance workers are at a premium. One solution will be the upgrading of operating personnel as their services become less necessary in actual operation. Another, now emerging in a tentative way, is contract maintenance. Here, specialized organizations take over certain maintenance functions on a contract basis. Examples include the maintenance of electrical equipment and instruments and general plant equipment, and the cleaning of fluid-flow and heat-transfer equipment, distilling columns, tankage and the like.

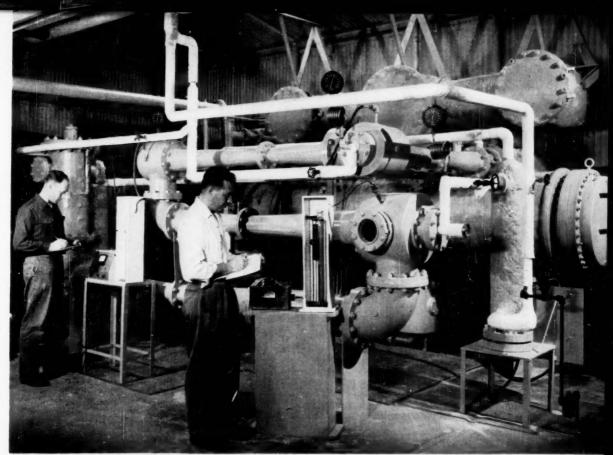
Why has all this come about? Primarily, the cause is the continued substitution of horsepower for manpower. Mechanization is the underlying factor, with automation an important extension of the mechanization principle. Equipment is becoming more complex, and the capital investment per worker is constantly increasing. In many processes, operation has become largely instrument watching, aimed at the two-fold purpose of detecting instrument malfunctioning and of balancing the various instrument loads for the optimum in process performance.

But as we move into the just-emerging era of computer control, self-checking instrument circuits will tend to obsolete the first function of the operator, while the computer will optimize the instrument relations more effectively than the man.

Equipment reliability—and to an ever increasing degree, instrument reliability—is thus becoming a paramount factor in operating profits. Although equipment and instruments are constantly being improved through better design and better construction materials, reliability is becoming immeasurably more necessary owing to the integration and cascading of process functions.

Since 100% reliability can never be attained, emphasis on the prevention of failure—rather than breakdown and repair—is becoming the order of the day. Where preventive maintenance was formerly only a pious word in most plant lexicons, it is now becoming the key to operating continuity, cost reduction and an acceptable return on investment.

As production costs continue to rise and the factor of competition becomes still more compelling, we can expect that maintenance will take its place as an integral part of operation, and will be recognized as parallel to development, design, construction and operation in the range of chemical engineering activities.



SIX-STAGE EJECTOR handles 8,000 cfm. at 10 microns. First four stages are shown,

Selecting Ejectors for High Vacuum

Here you'll find many uses of high vacuum techniques; also data on steam and water requirements, equipment costs and performance characteristics for steam ejectors having four or more stages.

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Today's steam-jet air ejector has an important role in the production of high vacuum largely because of the increased use of vacuum operations.

Five-stage ejectors are now offered by a few manufacturers for operation at absolute pressures as low as 30 microns. More significant, however, is the fact that six-stage ejectors are no longer laboratory devices. Properly designed these will pull down to absolute pressures as low as three or four microns and handle sizable loads in the range of five to ten microns.

Some 30 years ago, metals were first produced in a vacuum furnace. The results were encouraging and somewhat surprising because of the increased quality in the physical properties of the metals. Of course, these initial runs were on a laboratory scale. The transition from laboratory to full-scale production was slow and to some extent uncertain.

Not until recent years have vacuum metals assumed an important position in the metal industry. One of the prime reasons was the inadequacy of equipment to produce and maintain high vacuum. Until recently manufacturers of vacuum metals relied basically on mechanical pumps. With these pumps, only limited operation is possible because of the large volumes of gases that must be handled.

Let us discuss briefly the techniques that have been responsible for the development of five and six-stage steam-jet air ejectors for operation on an efficient basis.

Uses of Multi-stage Ejectors

Melting of metals under low absolute pressure in electric furnaces produces materials which have

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Steam Ejector Principle

Velocity
Pressure

Steam Requirements:

4-Stage Ejectors

(Barometric type at 50% overload)

1.2

0.8

0.4

Fig. 2a

100 80 60 40 20

Steam at 100 psig., 1b./1b.air

Water Regirements:
2.4

Water Regirements:
4-Stage Ejectors

(Barometric type at 50% overload)

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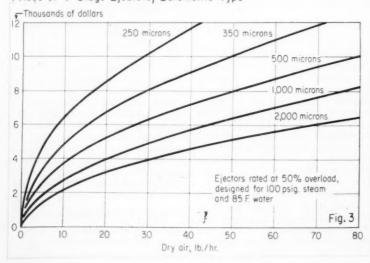
0.8

0.4

Water at 85F.,gpm./lb.air

Prices of 4-Stage Ejectors, Barometric Type

Fig 1



much greater fatigue life. Also, it vastly improves the impact properties by removing gases that otherwise would be included in the metal.

Industries, particularly those supplying the aircraft field, are constantly searching for metals that provide greater life and safety for their products. Metals processed under high vacuum have been known to increase the life of the alloys of which they are a component by as much as 50%.

Coating of the various metals under high vacuum results in higher quality of coating. High vacuum further offers the advantage of requiring less surface heating as well as insuring an easier and more dependable coating thickness.

Distillation under high vacuum is common for many chemical compounds. One of the main advantages is that distillation of liquids can be accomplished at far lower temperatures than is otherwise possible. This means that some liquids subject to thermal decomposition at high to moderate temperatures can now be safely handled.

Refineries in the petrochemical field are processing materials at absolute pressures as low as 50 to 100 microns with considerably greater yield. At the same time they have been able to derive additional income from new by-products.

Concentration of certain foodstuffs by high vacuum techniques offers the advantage of no foaming and reduces storage and shipping

Freeze drying of important biological products is being used on an ever increasing basis since ordinarily no chemical change nor any bacterial growth takes place during the drying cycle. In addition, oxidation is largely restricted; and since the product is left in a porous state it can be dissolved easily.

Brazing of joints under high vacuum results in an absence of tarnish or discoloration in the heated area and requires no flux removal operations. The efficiency of the joint is considerably higher thus resulting in fewer rejections.

Sintering under vacuum is becoming more popular since the removal of objectionable gases provides for greater strength and longer life.

Annealing of metals under vacuum results in brighter surfaces, thereby saving substantial cleaning or polishing operations. These are some of the uses for high vacuum equipment. There are dozens of other applications and engineers will find hundreds more in the near future.

Compare Multi-Stage Ejectors

I now present a series of data consisting of utilities and prices and some general data covering steam jet air ejectors.

The production of a vacuum by means of a jet of steam is not a recent invention having been accomplished over 60 years ago.

The principle is simple: steam at a moderate pressure, usually 100 psig., is expanded through a nozzle which converts its pressure energy to velocity. The velocity of the jet of steam entrains air or other gases at some pressure through the suction of the ejector and compresses it to a higher pressure. The principle is shown in Fig. 1.

Steam jet ejectors are designed and built by most manufacturers with one to four stages. Some are equipped with condensers between stages and some are not. These condensers when furnished between stages are called intercondensers. If a condenser follows the last stage, it is then called an aftercondenser. Such condensers may be of the barometric, low-level jet and surface type. The first and last are most commonly used.

Vacuum equipment is now built with up to six-stages. These ejectors can be equipped with any of the aforementioned condensers as required for a given application.

The following pressures are generally considered the minimum practical absolute pressure limits for a given number of stages.

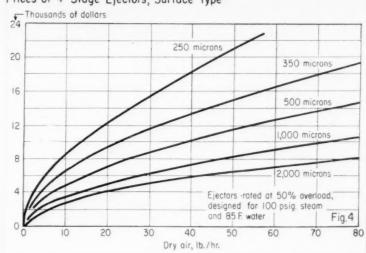
Stages,	Absolute Pressure,
No.	Mm. Hg
1	50
2	5
3	2
4	0.2
5	0.03
6	0.005

With further experimental work a seven-stage ejector will be made. It is expected to satisfactorily handle loads at absolute pressures at about 0.5 microns (0.0005 mm.).

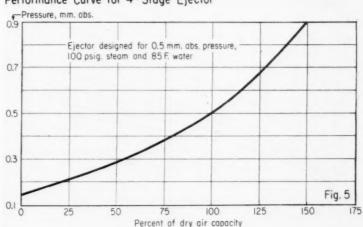
How to Rate Ejectors

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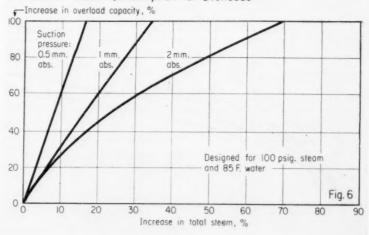
Prices of 4-Stage Ejectors, Surface Type

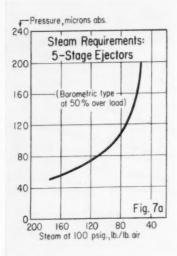


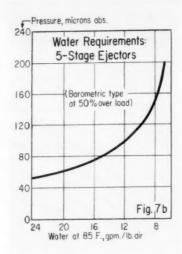
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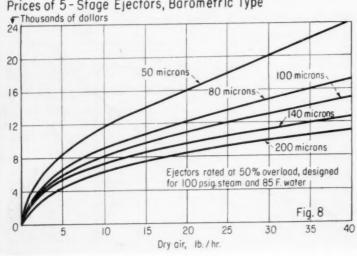
Increase in Steam Consumption for Overloads



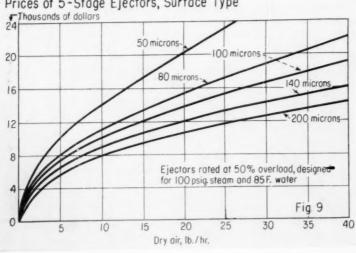




Prices of 5 - Stage Ejectors, Barometric Type



Prices of 5-Stage Ejectors, Surface Type



considerable ejectors since a amount of information has been published on ejectors with three or less stages.

Prices and utilities presented here are indicative only. These costs are not intended necessarily to represent those that will apply to a specific problem. Both utilities and prices change radically depending on the size of installation, steam pressure, inlet water temperature and materials of construction.

However, the utilities and prices are sufficiently accurate for general estimating purposes. More complete data are usually available from the equipment manufacturer.

Steam and water requirements are shown in Figs. 2a and 2b for four-stage ejectors in the range from 0.25 to 2 mm. abs. pressure. Note that these utilities apply to ejectors with barometric type intercondensers. This arrangement also applies to five and six-stage ejectors. For any particular pressure, the utilities for units with surface type intercondensers require slightly more steam and water than the unit with the barometric type.

Let us assume our problem is to determine utilities and price for a four-stage ejector to handle 30 lb./ hr. free dry air at 0.5 mm. abs. when using steam at 100 psig. and cooling water at 85 F.

From Fig. 2 we find that 43 lb./ hr. steam and 5.8 gpm. of water are needed for each pound of air. Therefore, our total utilities are $43 \times 30 = 1,290$ lb./hr. of steam and $5.8 \times 30 = 174$ gpm. of water to handle the load.

In Fig. 3, we find that a fourstage barometric type unit to handle 30 lb./hr. of air costs \$6,300 whereas from Fig. 4, a surface type unit for the same conditions of operation sells for \$8,900.

The use of steam pressure higher than 100 psig, tends to reduce both the steam and water requirements. Inlet water temperatures lower than 85 F. also tend to reduce utilities. Conversely the use of lower steam pressures or higher inlet water temperatures increases steam or water requirements respectively.

The performance of the fourstage ejector we have just selected is shown in Fig. 5. Note that the ejector blanks off (zero load) at 0.15 mm. abs. and carries out to a load of 45 lb./hr. When an ejector is designed in this fashion, it is said to have a 50% overload ca-

In most instances, we should insist that the ejector have a reasonable overload capacity. This is particularly true if part of the load to be handled by the ejector is condensible at pressures in the range of 1.5 to 2.25 in. abs. The additional utilities are frequently of no great importance and the ejector cost is rarely increased prohibitively for this overload capacity.

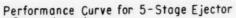
Approximate data are shown in Fig. 6 on the effect of overload capacity on steam consumption for suction pressures in the range of 0.5 mm., 1 mm. and 2 mm. abs. Overload capacity at these and lower absolute pressures causes price to increase to a minor extent -about 10% maximum. It is obvious from these curves that for pressures less than 0.5 mm., the overload feature seldom increases either utilities or price to any appreciable extent.

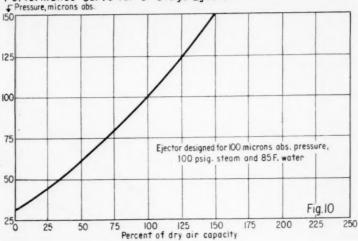
Utility requirements are given in Figs. 7a and 7b for five-stage ejectors operating in the range from 50 to 200 microns abs. A common range for five-stage ejectors is 100 microns. Therefore, let us select a unit at that pressure to handle 30 lb./hr. of air. From the figure, we find the steam requirement is 86 × 30 = 2,580 lb./hr. and cooling water is $11.8 \times 30 = 354$ gpm.

Typical performance is shown in Fig. 10 for a five-stage ejector designed for 100 microns abs. pressure. We find the price for a barometric type unit is \$13,200 from Fig. 8. For the corresponding surface type unit, the price is \$16,600 from Fig. 9.

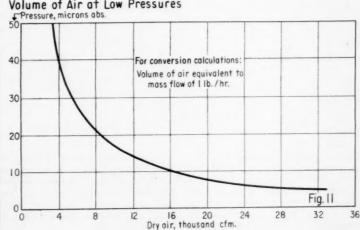
Five-stage ejectors are rarely used for pressures below 50 microns abs. However, if the steam pressure is high enough and if the cooling water is 70 F. or lower, it is quite possible to design a five-stage unit to operate economically at 30 microns. Under these conditions the ejector blanks off at 15 to 20 microns. However, to provide a more flexible unit, a six-stage ejector is preferred for absolute pressures below 50 microns.

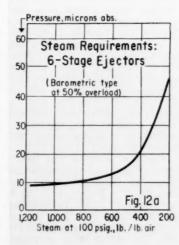
Loads in the low micron range (below 50 microns) are more often than not expressed as volume rate, cfm. instead of mass rate, lb./hr. A comparison is shown in Fig. 11 of capacity expressed in cfm, versus absolute pressure for air flow of 1 (Continued)

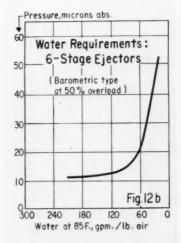


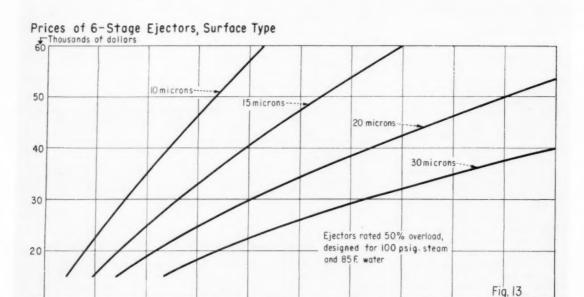


Volume of Air at Low Pressures









Advantages of Ejectors

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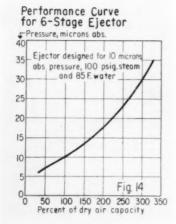
Probably one of the most important advantages of steam ejectors is their ability to handle large volumes of gases at low absolute pressures. Ejectors handle these large volumes at relatively low cost when compared to other means of producing the same result.

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Let's compare sizes of ejectors



and mechanical pumps. An ejector designed to handle 1 lb./hr. of dry air at 10 microns is a small ejector. However, a mechanical pump for the same removal capacity would have a volumetric displacement of over 16,500 cfm.

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Dry air, lb./hr.

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A mechanical pump with a displacement of 16,500 cfm. is exceptionally large. In some cases two or more mechanical pumps in parallel are needed because even some of the larger mechanical pumps can not easily handle 16,500 cfm.

As a further example, let us compare the selling prices of an ejector and a mechanical system designed to handle 10 lb./hr. of dry air at 10 microns abs. The ejector sells for about \$75,000. For the same capacity, a three-stage diffusion pump, complete with valving and mechanical roughing pumps sells for approximately \$175,000.

We now examine the selling prices of six-stage ejectors for two capacities. First, we'll consider a capacity of 1 lb./hr. of air at 10 microns abs. Steam requirements are 900 lb./hr. from Fig. 12a and cooling water is 135 gpm. from Fig. 12b. The selling price of \$16,000 for this ejector is found from Fig.

13. Most mechanical systems require several pumps in parallel at a higher price to handle this capacity.

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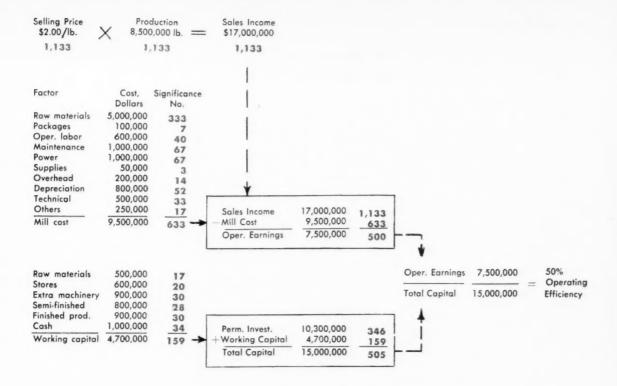
Next, we'll examine a six-stage ejector to handle 2 lb./hr. of air (about 33,000 cfm.). We find from Fig. 13 that it sells for \$22,500. Consequently the comparison shows that the larger the installation the greater the cost advantage is in favor of steam jet ejectors. Typical performance of this six-stage ejector designed to operate at 10 microns abs. is shown in Fig. 14.

Other Advantages of Ejectors

In addition to the initial cost advantage steam jet ejectors offer:

- Little or no maintenance problems since there are no moving parts.
 - Trouble free operation.
 - · Less space requirements.
 - Rapid pump-down time.
- Greater overload capacity resulting in better stability.

It appears that the future of sixstage steam jet ejectors is bright and that seven-stage ejectors for operation in the range from 0.5 to 3 microns abs. are on the horizon.



FOR A MORE PROFITABLE OPERATION . . .

Rate Economic Factors by Importance

Cost alone doesn't always determine the significance of the economic factors that make up a process. Here's a new technique to find the relative importance of these factors.

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With manufacturing costs steadily on the rise and markets becoming more competitive, many companies now find themselves in the middle of a cost-price squeeze.

Most managements are facing this dilemma by increasing capital expenditures so as to expand their capacity. In this attack lies a hope that volume can be increased fast enough to keep the spread between operating costs and selling price from getting out of line.

Managements of the larger organizations are also hitting at overhead costs as a means of keeping this cost-price spread from widening. Electronic computers have been applied to such areas as stores inventory accounting, payrolls, raw materials control and linear programming. However, modest-size operations find it difficult to justify the use of computers. Their larger competitors, therefore, have a substantial advantage over them in their fight against the cost-price squeeze.

An investigation of the type of analysis used for computer justification reveals that certain disciplines can be applied to supervisory control. Without going so far as to install complicated and expensive computer programs, these disci-

plines provide a simple and powerful tool for supervision of the economic factors affecting the success of a business.

Thus, the computer analysis type of thinking can be used to keep a step ahead in the competitive fight. It also has the collateral advantage of gradually incorporating an organized method of economic thinking. This will serve to pave the way for the coming "age of computers."

What Is Significance?

Each of us is frequently faced with the problem of choosing be-

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tween alternative courses of action in trying to reach our goals.

When several possibilities exist, each one of which may contribute toward the desired end, we automatically rate each alternative. We'll select the one that will contribute most significantly to attaining our aims. Where several courses of action can be undertaken simultaneously, our judgment tells us to deploy our energies. How significantly each course of action will affect the end result determines the proportion of energy expended.

In the ordinary course of human endeavor such judgment involves the evaluation of intangibles. On the other hand, in the supervisory control of the economics of a business, each factor can be given a dollar value and its significance is subject to calculation.

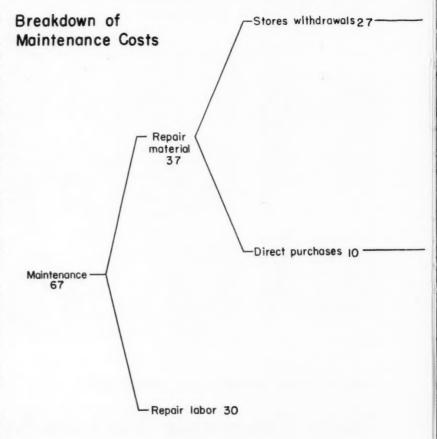
It can't be assumed that all economic factors affect the success of a business in proportion to their dollar values. Dollars tied up in capital accounts, for example, exert an effect different from dollars spent for labor and materials.

Before evaluating economic factors it's first necessary to select a goal that will be a measure of the success of any business.

Operating efficiency, defined as the ratio of operating profits to total capital, includes all those economic factors under control of operating supervision. Relationship of the factors making up this ratio is shown in the introductory figure. By analyzing these factors using the disciplines developed for studying computer applications, a powerful but simple tool emerges to help

Here's the Relative Significance

Selling Price							1.133
Production							1.133
Permanent investment							346
Raw materials cost							333
Maintenance cost							67
Power costs							67
Depreciation							52
Operating labor cost							40
Cash							34
Technical expenses							33
Extra machinery		×	,			*	30
Finished product inventor							30
Semi-finished inventory							28
Stores investment							20
Other operating costs							17
Raw material inventory.							17
Overhead costs			0	0	0	0	14
Packaging costs	* 9	 *	*		*		7
Supplies cost							



supervision improve their control of operations.

Operating efficiency is the ratio of two kinds of money: money in motion and money standing still. Operating profits, sales income and mill costs all represent money on the move—either money being spent at a definite rate or money coming in at so much a day, week, month or year.

Capital, on the other hand, represents money immobilized in the cost of manufacturing facilities or invested in working capital items. To improve operating efficiency, the problem facing supervision is to control each factor in relation to its significance. Factors included in mill costs, which represent a flow of money, must be related to items of investment or working capital.

This relationship can be calculated by defining the significance of any item as the change in operating efficiency accompanying a change in the value of the item. For the purpose of operating control,

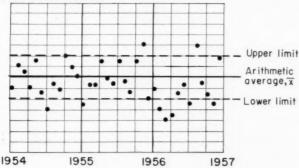
the involved mathematics required to relate the many dependent variables can be safely bypassed. Significance can be calculated directly and simply by showing how much operating efficiency would improve with a 1% improvement in each item.

For example, in the accompanying illustration, operating efficiency is shown as 50%; the ratio of operating earnings of \$7.5 million to total capital of \$15 million. A \$1-million expense item, such as maintenance, would have a significance of 0.067%; 1% of \$1 million divided by \$15 million.

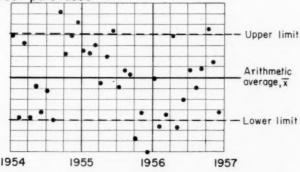
Thus by reducing maintenance costs by 1%, mill costs would be reduced by \$10,000. Operating earnings would climb a like amount to \$7,510,000 and the operating efficiency would become 50.067%.

If the percentage increase in efficiency with a 1% improvement in an item is multiplied by 1,000, or any other convenient factor, a significance number will result. This









number for the \$1 million maintenance item (throughout this article we'll make use of a factor of 1,000) becomes 67.

Advantages that can be attributed to the use of such a number are as follows:

- Economic factors can be listed in order of their relative significance.
- Insignificant items can be eliminated.
- Supervisory efforts can be more intelligently directed.
- Information that might otherwise be confidential can be widely disseminated.
- Individual items can be more intelligently selected for analysis of improvement potential.
- A way is opened for data processing for improved management control of operations.

Now for Relative Significance

In the same figure, economic factors are shown with dollars as well as with significance numbers. Significance of capital accounts is calculated in the same manner as items of expenditure.

However, the significance of a \$1 million item of expenditure is different from a \$1 million capital account. Where the significance number of the expenditure would be 67, that of the investment item would be 33. Thus with a 50% operating efficiency, costs items are twice as significant as the items that make up investment.

Of course, the figures we've used have been arbitrarily selected for illustrative purposes and bear no relation to an actual business. But once actual figures are plugged into an efficiency chart, the true relationship of expenditure and capital items will become apparent at a glance.

When significance numbers have been assigned to all major categories, it's interesting to list them in the order of their relative significance. Such a list reveals relationships not formerly obvious. Capital items fall into place in relation to cost items. The relative importance of production is clarified and it becomes apparent that some items are relatively insignificant.

It now becomes clear that assigning significance numbers to the factors affecting operating effciency gives an overall picture of an operation not otherwise apparent. Where supervisory efforts may have been of the expedient type, hysterically engaged in putting out fires as fast as they spring up, they can now be replaced with an integrated plan. A clear picture of the whole economic structure with efforts directed in relation to the relative significance of the component items can be achieved.

It should be pointed out that significance rating, in itself, does nothing to replace supervisory judgment. It merely provides a clear picture to help direct supervisory efforts.

In directing these efforts, the use of significance numbers permits the immediate elimination of relatively insignificant items. One of the most rewarding and immediate benefits of listing all items in the order of their significance is to find that some cherished number, the control of which has been absorbing a great deal of supervisory effort, turns out to be relatively insignificant when compared to some long ignored item.

Uses of Significance Numbers

There is an immediate advantage in the use of significance numbers in that lower levels of supervision can participate in a cost control program.

Figures that otherwise would be too confidential for general dissemination when reduced to significance numbers can be given general distribution. In this way all supervisory personnel can see where their efforts should be directed. Where capital items such as inprocess inventory or extra machinery were formerly of nebulous significance, their relationship to cost items can be made clear to the man in the field. In the final analysis, this man is the one whose activities must be directed if the items are to be controlled.

As experience is gained with significance numbers, many uses pe-

culiar to individual operations will develop. For example, where an insurance item is to be added to extra machinery you can easily calculate how much production loss will justify the extra investment.

Significance rating encourages thinking in terms of operation efficiency rather than in terms of cost alone. It can often be shown that purposely increasing a particular cost can produce overall benefits that will improve operating efficiency. Overtime for maintenance may be very low in one operation and high in another. It might be that a transfer of personnel would bring the overtime into balance. Thus increasing overtime costs in one department would result in an overall cost reduction where in another department the opposite would be true.

It soon becomes apparent that the intelligent use of significance numbers requires still another discipline; that of analyzing items for improvement potential.

Look for Improvement Potential

Items of high significance may have a limited potential for improvement, whereas items of lower significance may have a great potential. In many instances this potential may be obvious to those in intimate contact with the operation. However, it's often useful to break down an item into its components and calculate a standard deviation, based on historical data for each component.

Using maintenance cost again as an illustration, a breakdown into repair labor and repair materials can be made. Further breakdown of materials can be made into stores withdrawals and direct purchases. Using historical data, a standard deviation can be calculated for each by means of the following equation (see *Chem. Eng.*, March 1956, pp. 165-190, or any standard reference on statistical analysis):

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (\bar{x} - x_i)^2}{n}}$$

where x_i is any individual term, \tilde{x} is the arithmetic average and n is the number of terms.

This equation gives one-sigma limits (σ) , sometimes known as the root mean square deviation, and shows the dispersion of the data. It's not intended to go into the de-

tails of statistical analysis other than to suggest that the spread of the one-sigma limits is a clue to the improvement potential.

One-sigma limits for stores withdrawals and direct purchases is shown. It's interesting to note that stores withdrawals has very narrow limits and direct purchases much wider ones.

Familiarity with stores control suggests that limits on stores inventories and adherence to fixed maximum and minimum limits for each store item are limiting factors which keep withdrawals within relatively narrow limits. Direct purchases on the other hand have no such arbitrary restrictions with the result that much wider fluctuations are experienced.

Thus by breaking items down into their components and comparing their standard deviations, it becomes apparent where additional efforts would be rewarding.

All this points out the need for a better understanding of the processes that make up your operation. Basic causes of fluctuations are the key to this understanding. Some operations can easily be seen to need better control, while others are working at their minimum practical limits.

From this better understanding we should be able to set control limits on an operation like direct purchases where they'll be the most efficient and economical.

It should be borne in mind that statistical analysis is merely a way of analyzing data. Care should be taken not to draw any far-reaching conclusions not inherent in the method. It can be stated, however, that experience using standard deviations as a guide for directing supervisory efforts has been uniformly successful in making substantial improvements in operating efficiency.

The Road Ahead

Significance rating and analysis for improvement potential, valuable as they are in giving immediate aid in improving operating efficiency, are actually only the first steps. The road leads toward the use of data-processing for improved management control of operations.

Peering into the future, the development of management by exception can be seen. All this great welter of operating data now ex-

amined daily by supervision will be screened automatically and only those items requiring a decision will be reported.

Supervision will be relieved of the chore of examining large volumes of unrelated data most of which turns out to be under control. All such data can be predigested relative to operating efficiency. Only that portion requiring action will be abstracted and reported to the person who exercises control and reported at the frequency that control is needed.

It can be envisioned that the goal of supervisory control will be daily, weekly or monthly reports that will be blank pieces of paper. A measure of control will not be how much is shown in reports but how few items needing attention will appear. Thus an integrated data-processing system won't only result in automatic accounting but will result in a great strengthening of supervisory control.

The Next Step

A detailed description of the next step, which is the analysis of source data, is beyond the scope of this article. Here again, substantial benefits can be expected whether or not an integrated data-processing program is adopted. This technique involves tracking down every datum to its source, developing flow charts to integrate all the data, analyzing what it's to be used for and who uses it. Benefits from such an analysis result from uncovering duplications and weeding out futile operations.

This discipline again is a step toward automatic data-processing as it's the source data that's organized for automatic processing.

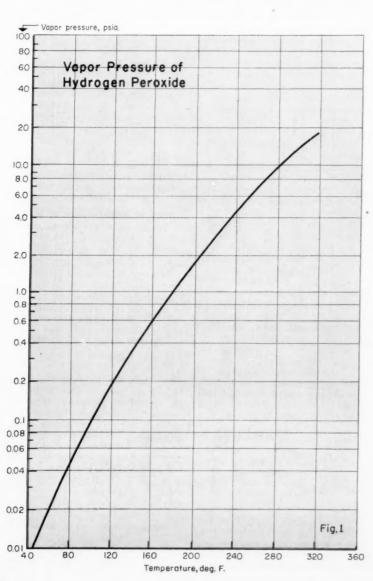
It's hoped that the foregoing discussion will help dispel the idea that because automatic data-processing equipment is expensive no further consideration should be given to data-processing.

Procedures and methods of analysis used for computer programming can be applied to give supervision new and powerful controls. As they're developed, it's hoped these controls will show that there are large improvements possible in operating efficiency. Improvements that well may be sufficient to justify application of automatic equipment for a completely integrated control system.



Accentuates Importance of . . .

Heat Content and V.P. of H₂O₂



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In recent years, promising new uses for an old but exciting chemical have attracted our attention. Hydrogen peroxide, its oxidizing properties long known to chemical engineers, is now emerging into an era of rockets and missiles as a glamorous and powerful fuel oxidant.

All of the new uses for hydrogen peroxide require an extensive knowledge of physical and thermodynamic properties in the pure state. Vapor pressure and heat content data presented here are calculated from equations extensively derived in an earlier paper (Jet Propulsion, April 1957, pp. 419-420). These equations give data that are both accurate and thermodynamically sound representations of the physical properties.

Vapor Pressure

An equation for the vapor pressure of hydrogen peroxide was derived from the heat of vaporization by means of the Clapeyron equation. This equation:

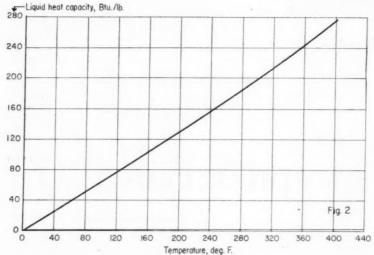
 $\begin{array}{c} \log \ P_{\text{peig.}} = 24.217716 \ - \ 6.075.2/T - \\ 5.23700 \ \log \ T \end{array}$

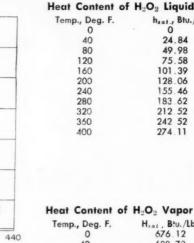
where T is given in degrees Rankine, is shown graphically in Fig. 1.

By utilizing a vapor pressure equation which makes use of the heats of vaporization directly instead of correlating vapor pressure data alone, thermodynamic consistency is achieved.

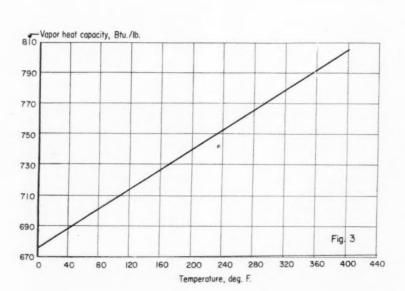
In addition, with a polar substance such as hydrogen peroxide, deviations from ideality are taken

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Heat Content	of H ₂ O ₂ Liquid
Temp., Deg. F.	haat., Btu./Lb.
0	0
40	24.84
80	49.98
120	75.58
160	101.39
200	128.06
240	155.46
280	183.62
320	212.52
350	242 52
400	274.11



Temp., Deg. F.	Hage Btu./Lb.
0	676.12
40	688.70
80	701.49
120	714.55
160	727.54
200	740.71
240	753.88
280	767.02
320	779.96
360	792.54
400	804.56

Heat of Vaporization of H₂O₂ H ,, Btu./Mole Temp., Deg. F. 22,999 22,582 0 40 80 22,162 21,735 21,299 120 160 20,840 200 240 19,845 280 320 19,302 360 18,713 400 18,044

into account by assuming both the gas and liquid P-V-T properties are described by the equation:

$$PV = ZRT$$

A comparison of some experi-

Heat content, saturated vapor

Heat content, saturated liquid

mental vapor pressure data^{2, 3} with those of the equation shows the calculated values to be within the error of the experimental data.

	Vapor Pres	ssure, mm.
Temp.	Calc.	Exper.
60 C.	17.90	17.7
90 C.	78.29	78.4

Heat Content

By determining the latent heat of vaporization from the equation and making certain other basic assumptions a heat content table was constructed and is shown in Figs. 2 and 3. Liquid heat capacities calculated from the slope of the saturated heat content curve of Fig. 2 show excellent agreement with experimentally measured values.4,5

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H.at.

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 ΔH_v

P

R

Nomenclature.

Temperature Gas or liquid compressibility factor in the equation PV =

Heat of vaporization

Vapor pressure

Gas constant

Calculate Adequate Rupture Disk Size

Explosions from combustible mixtures can be safely vented if rate of pressure increase is taken into account when disks are selected.

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Up until now we haven't had any sure way to calculate disk sizes to protect valuable equipment against unforeseen explosions.

It's a simple matter to figure the necessary vent capacity if the overpressure results merely from an increase in the volume of a liquid or gas.

If a chemical reaction causes the overpressure, disk design becomes more difficult. A knowledge of the kinetics of the particular reaction is necessary.

But when an explosion causes the overpressure, the designer usually guesses at a disk size. And he feels that the explosion will probably wreck the vessel regardless of its protection.

Protection is possible. The data we present here show how.

The chart on the next page is constructed according to the method of Lalanne using the equation:

$$\log p + \log v - \log c = 0$$

This is equivalent to $p \times v = c$. Chart data represent explosions of vapors and gases in an air mixture at an initial temperature of 150 F. and 1 atm. The chart shows only the worst hazard or the optimum explosive mixture.

On the vertical axis is the average rate of pressure rise, psi./sec.; on the horizontal axis is the time to attain maximum pressure, sec. and the diagonal axis gives the maximum pressure reached in the explosion, psi.

Thus we can read from the graph the maximum pressure reached during a vapor-air explosion, time required to reach maximum pressure and rate of pressure rise.

It is interesting to note that all the points lie around the 100 psi. maximum pressure line. Only a very few such as acetylene, acrylonitrile and ethylene exceed 100 psi. None of the gases shown exceeds 150 psi.

Hence a pressure vessel rated for 150 to 200 psi, will in all probability withstand a vapor or gas explosion

without rupturing. This is especially true of vessels with welded rather than bolted heads. Experience has actually shown that such vessels can easily take even a hydrogen-air burp.

In any case, emergency vents should be installed. However, the possibility of an explosion in a vessel will necessitate extra-large vents to permit the rapid removal of the reaction products before a dangerous build-up in pressure is attained.

Again referring to the graph, we see that the time spread (0.01 to 0.5 sec.) for the listed vapors and gases amounts to a factor of fifty. Note that the average time to attain maximum pressure is approximately 0.06 sec. and that 17 of the 24 compounds are near this time.

Let us use an illustrative example to show that protection is possible for even a rapid pressure build-up.

Problem—What size rupture disk is necessary to protect a 100 gal. pressure vessel, rated for 100 psi., from damage caused by an ethylene-air explosion?

These data are available: Volume of vessel, 13.3 cu. ft. Code pressure, 115 psia. Temperature inside vessel, 150 F. Ethylene in vessel, 8% by volume.

Maximum possible pressure caused by explosion, 120 psi. (from graph).

Rate of pressure build-up, 6,600 psi./sec. (from graph).

Time to attain maximum pressure, 0.018 sec. (from graph).

Solution — First we'll calculate the amount of vapor in vessel, assuming that all components behave like ideal gases. Pressure is assumed 115 psia. since this is the pressure inside the vessel just prior to the bursting of the rupture disk. W' = PV/RT

 $= \frac{115 \text{ psia.} \times 144 \text{ sq.in./sq.ft.} \times 13.3 \text{ cu.ft.}}{1.545.3 \text{ ft.-lb./mole-deg.R.} \times 610 \text{ R.}}$

= 0.234 moles of vapor.

Equivalent molecular weight of the vapor is 0.08×28 (molecular weight of ethylene) $+ 0.92 \times 29$ (molecular weight of air) = 28.9 lb./mole.

The amount of vapor to be vented is therefore 0.234 × 28.9 × 3,600/0.018 which equals 1,350,000 lb./hr. The weight of the products of combustion must equal the weight of the original components. No increase in temperature is assumed.

The most useful capacity formula here is the one suggested in the API-ASME Joint Code for the discharge of mixed vapors.

 $W = 306 \ Cap \ (M/T)^{0.8}$

Solving for a, we get

$a = \frac{1,350,000}{306 \times 0.81 \times 115 \times (28.9/610)^{0.5}}$

An area of 217 sq. in. has a diameter of 16.7 in., therefore needs a 17-in. rupture disk. If the vessel has no 17-in. nozzle, a number of smaller rupture diaphragms may be used. Of course their total area must equal at least 217 sq. in.

This answer agrees closely with the result obtained by using the nomograph published by T. S. Murphy, Jr., Chem. Eng., Dec. 1944,

Here we find that a rather large emergency vent area is necessary. Note also that the vessel can be vented even though the pressure buildup is relatively rapid. Rupture disk size may thus be calculated for any vessel.

Finally, here are the effects of temperature on the explosion data. As the initial temperature increases:

Nomenclature _

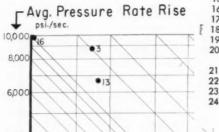
- Effective orifice area, sq. in.

 Orifice coefficient = 0.81 for va-
- pors and gases.
- M Molecular weight Pressure, psia.
- n Pressure, psia.
- R Gas constant = 1,545.3 ft.-lb./ mole-deg. Rankine
- T Temperature, deg. Rankine
- V Volume, cu. ft.
- W' Weight of vapors, moles.
- W Discharge through orifice, lb./hr.

- · Maximum pressure developed decreases.
- · Time to attain maximum pressure decreases except for hydrogen where time increases.
- · Average rate of pressure rise increases except for benzene and hydrogen where rate decreases.

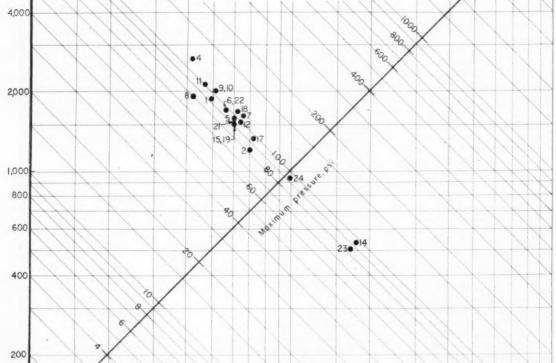
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Explosive Mixtures (% by Volume in Air)

	These Are Limits ²	4		-
Key No.	This Is Optimum ¹		+	
1	Acetaldehyde	4.1 -	11 -	- 55
2	Acetone	3.0	6 -	- 11
3	Acetylene	2.5 -	13 -	- 81
4	Acrylonitrile	3.0 -	8	- 17
5	Benzene	1.4	4 -	7.1
6	Butane	1.9 —	5	8.5
7	Butyl alcohol	1.4 -	6 -	- 11.2
8	Butyrolactone	3	8	- 12
9	Cyclohexane	1.3 —	3 -	- 8
10	Diethyl ether	1.9 -	5 -	- 48
11	Ethane	3.0 -	7 -	12.5
12	Ethyl alcohol	4.3 -	12 -	- 19
13	Ethylene	3.1 -	8 -	- 32
14	Ethylene dichloride	6.2 -	10 -	- 16
15	Hexane	1.2 -	2.5 -	7.5
16	Hydrogen	4.0 -	35 -	75
17	Isopropyl alcohol	2.0 -	6 -	12
18	Isopropyl ether	1.4 —	3 -	21
19	Methyl alcohol	7.3 —	15 -	36
20	Methylene chloride 89%	18	20	25
21	Naphtha	0.8 -	2.5 -	5
22	Propane	2.2 -	5	9.5
23	Propylene dichloride	3.4 -	6 -	14.5
24	Toluene	1.4 —	4 —	6.7



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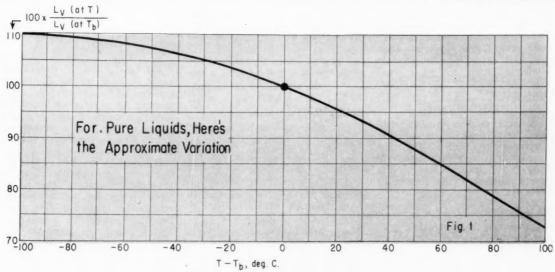
0.08 0.1 Time to attain maximum pressure, sec. 0.4

0.2

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0.6





Temperature vs. Heat of Vaporization

Latent heat of phase change—either in the form of latent heat of vaporization, fusion or sublimation—will pop up in your engineering calculations. Use these reliable methods to stretch out meager data.

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Often you have available a single value of the latent heat of vaporization at a given temperature-most often at the normal boiling pointbut need a value at a different temperature. A number of excellent methods are available for this.

As we mentioned earlier in this series, over a moderate temperature range of less than about 100 deg. C., latent heat is practically a linear function of temperature.

$$L_V = A - BT$$

with good accuracy. Latent heat of vaporization falls with rising temperature, becoming zero at the critical point.

Use These General Methods

For larger temperature differences, we can rely on several generalized correlations. We have chosen several methods for discus-

Method 1-"Theisen's Correlation"

We discussed this method in some detail in our last issue (Chem. Eng., Dec. 1957, p. 261) and included a nomograph that quickly solves the correlation equation:

$$\frac{L_{V2}}{L_{V1}} = \left(\frac{1 - T_{r2}}{1 - T_{r1}}\right)^{0.38}$$

Accuracy is quite satisfactory over the entire range of available data, including the immediate vicinity of the critical point. The average deviation for all types of compounds is about plus or minus 4%.

Method 2—Boiling-Point Change

Knowing that the boiling point, T_b , can be approximately related to critical temperature, T_c (many relations have been proposed; Guldberg's $T_b/T_c = 2/3$ is the simplest). one would expect that some sort of correlation would come out of plotting $(T - T_b)$, which we shall call the boiling-point displacement, vs. change of latent heat of vaporization from its value at the boiling point.

This correlation was first noted in a Union Carbide Chemicals Co. data book (Acetone, 1944) and has since been further generalized by including data for compounds of several types.

We have shown this correlation in the figure above. It is based on data for eight compounds-seven organics, including two polar alcohols, and one inorganic. The ordinate gives the latent heat at temperature T as a percentage of that at the normal boiling point, T_{\bullet} . The listings below indicate the accuracy of the correlation.

For the region of the curve where T is less than T_b , we used 15 points

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with a 1.6% average error and 1.6% maximum error. In the region where T is greater than T, we had 28 points with 1.6% avg. error and 8.1% max. error. Over-all average error was 1.25%, with an 8.1% maximum error for the 43 data points.

The indicated errors above are deviations of

$$(L_V \text{ at } T)/(L_V \text{ at } T_b)$$

as an actual value vs. the value indicated by the correlation curve at a given value of $(T-T_{\rm b})$. The correlation is very convenient and surprisingly accurate considering the simplicity of the correlation variables.

Method 3—Thermodynamic Approach

The exact thermodynamic relation for the change of L_r with temperature is:

$$(dL_V/dT) = (L_V/T) + C_{P_{\theta}} - C_{Pl} - (TdP/dT) \frac{d(V_{\psi} - V_l)}{dT}$$
 (1)

where the subscript v denotes vapor and the subscript l denotes liquid; and where dP/dT is total, i.e., along the saturation curve where P changes with T.

If we assume that the vapor obeys the ideal-gas laws and that liquid volume can be neglected in comparison with vapor volume, then

$$V_v = RT/P$$

and

$$dV_v/dT = R/P$$

By proper substitution in Eq. (1) and in conjunction with the appropriate form of the Clapeyron equation, we arrive at:

$$dL_V/dT = C_{Pv} - C_{Pl} = \Delta C_P$$
 (2)
with all quantities on a molar basis.

Within the bounds of the two assumptions involved, the relation is satisfactory. It may also be derived from:

$$(\partial L_V/\partial T)_P = \Delta C_P$$

(3)

if the constant-pressure restriction is removed and the effect of changing pressure along the saturation curve is neglected. It's clear that Eq. (2) should be used only at low or moderate pressures.

Consequently, if good C_P data are available, we can calculate a latent heat from a known value by:

$$L_{V2} = L_{V1} - (C_{P1} - C_{P2}) (T_2 - T_1)$$
 (4)
where T_2 is greater than T_1 and the C_P values are taken at the average

temperature. Well below the critical point, this relation is very satisfactory for $(T_z - T_1)$ less than or equal to 25 deg. C. and is fairly accurate up to $(T_z - T_1) = 100$ deg. C.

The heat capacity equations are often available in the form:

$$C_{Pv} = a + bT + cT^2$$

 $C_{Pl} = a + bT + cT^2$ (5)

Taking the difference:

$$\Delta C_P = \Delta a + \Delta b T + \Delta c T^2 \quad (6)$$

where,

$$\Delta a = a_v - a_l$$

$$\Delta b = b_v - b_l$$

$$\Delta c = c_v - c_l$$

So that at any two temperature levels, from Eq. (2):

$$\begin{array}{c} (L_V)_{T2} = (L_V)_{T1} + \Delta a (T_2 - T_1) + \\ 0.5 \ \Delta b \ (T_2^2 - T_1^2) + \\ 0.33 \ \Delta c \ (T_2^3 - T_1^3) \end{array} \tag{7}$$

allowing the calculation of L_{ν} at any temperature—within the low-pressure range—from a knowledge of L_{ν} at one temperature and the temperature dependencies of $C_{F\nu}$ and $C_{F\nu}$.

Note that dL_v/dT is obtainable from the Theisen function (Method 1, above) by differentiation. So that if

$$L_V = k (T_e - T)^n$$

then

$$\frac{dL_V}{dT} = -\frac{kn}{(T_o - T)^{1-n}} \tag{8}$$

Previously, we have indicated that a recommended value of n=0.38 is useful for engineering calculations. Therefore,

$$\frac{dL_V}{dT} = -\frac{0.38 k}{(T_c - T)^{0.43}}$$
 (9)

The constant, k, may be calculated from the Theisen correlation using one value of latent heat (where n=0.38); and then this value of k may be used in Eq. (9) to calculate the value of $dL_{\rm F}/dT$.

Reference-Substance Plots

Basing their work on the premise that balancing the property irregularity of one substance against the similar irregularity of another will reduce the error of property correlations, several people—notably Othmer and co-workers—have developed a powerful general correlation procedure for a number of physical properties.

We'll summarize here the results that are pertinent to latent heat of vaporization. In the equations that follow, the subscript R will in all cases refer to the reference substance.

Method 1—Othmer

In Ind. & Eng. Chem., Vol. 32, p. 841 (1940), Othmer showed that a plot of log P_* vs. log $P_{*,R}$ (vapor pressure of the unknown vs. vapor pressure of a reference substance on log-log scales), if plotted for data points at the same temperatures, gives a straight line except near the critical region.

If we call m the slope of this line and use a subscript T to mean "at the same temperature", then we can write an equation to describe this relationship in the following simple form:

$$m = (L_V/L_{VR})_T$$

= $(\log P_V)/(\log P_{VR})$ (10)

This method is applicable only for moderate temperature ranges (not at high pressures).

Method 2—Othmer's Correction

In order to correct the deviations in the critical region noted above, Othmer in *Ind. & Eng. Chem.*, Vol. 34, p. 1,072 (1942) proposed plotting reduced pressures of unknown and of reference substances at the same reduced temperatures (on loglog scales).

This method gives a straight line through $P_r = 1.0$ at $P_{rR} = 1.0$, and the applicable equation is given as follows:

$$\frac{\log P_r}{\log P_{rR}} = \left[\frac{L_V/T_e}{L_{VR}/T_{eR}}\right]_{T_r} \tag{11}$$

where the *T*, outside the brackets denotes "at the same reduced temperature" for numerator and denominator of the bracketed term.

Since the slope of the plotted line.

log P./log P.R

was shown to be constant, we may write:

$$\left[\frac{L_V/T_c}{L_{VR}/T_{eR}}\right]_{T_\tau} = C \tag{12}$$

So that, knowing the latent heats of a reference substance, and a latent heat of the unknown at any temperature, we may evaluate the constant C and then calculate latent heats for the unknown at other reduced temperatures from the known values for the reference substance we have chosen.

Eq. (12) may thus be used directly without plotting; or, of

course, the suggested plot may be made and C equated to its slope.

Method 3-Gordon

Gordon in Ind. & Eng. Chem., Vol. 35, p. 851 (1943) proposed the somewhat more convenient procedure of plotting log P_v vs. log P_{vR} at equal reduced temperatures. This gives a straight line through P. at P_{cR} , which is as accurate as the corrected Othmer method all the way to the critical point.

The applicable equation can be given in this form:

$$\frac{\log P_v}{\log P_{vR}} = \left[\frac{L_V/T_c}{L_{VR}/T_{eR}}\right]_{T_r} \quad (13)$$
 e the slope

Since the slope,

log Pv/log Pok

is a constant, L_r may be calculated from the bracketed ratio of Eq. (13) by inserting L_{VB} at the same

Johnson and co-workers (Chemistry in Canada, March 1954) have presented a convenient nomograph for the Gordon method, using water as the reference substance.

Reference substances which have been used by workers in this field include: water, chlorine, hexane, benzene and mercury. The general criteria for selecting a suitable reference substance are:

· Availability and preciseness of the required data ($P_{\scriptscriptstyle
m F}$ and $L_{\scriptscriptstyle
m F}$ in this instance).

· Molecular similarity.

• The P-T range of the data. Water is nearly always quite satisfactory as a reference substance.

How to Construct a Plot

Plotting an Othmer-Gordon type reference-substance correlation will be made considerably easier if you follow this procedure:

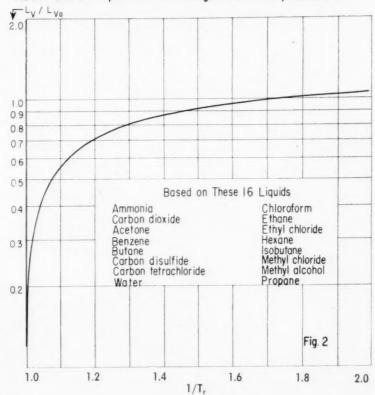
Let's take $\log P_{v}$ vs. $\log P_{vR}$ at equal temperatures as an example, and denote the upper horizontal line of a piece of log-log paper as the "upper abscissa" and the lower as the "lower abscissa." Then we can follow these steps.

Step 1-Plot known PvR values for even values of temperature on the lower abscissa.

Step 2-Draw vertical lines to the upper abscissa from the P_{VR} points on the lower abscissa, noting the even temperatures corresponding to these P_{VR} values.

Step 3-Values of Pr for the substance being correlated are then plotted on the grid made up of the

How Heat of Vaporization Changes With Temperature



 P_{ν} ordinate and the T upper ab-

With this procedure you can plot P_{ν} vs. T directly.

Some Other Correlations

Two other interesting correlation schemes which should be mentioned are those of Watson as described in Ind. & Eng. Chem., Vol. 23, p. 360 (1931) and of Su as described in Ind. & Eng. Chem., Vol. 38, p. 923 (1946).

Watson proposed two graphical correlations, the first of which was a plot of molar entropy of vaporization, L_v/T (Trouton's constant) vs. reduced temperature, T_r , with parametric lines of constant selection factors. These selection factors

$$M/\rho_b$$

where M is molecular weight; and ρ_b is liquid density at the normal atmospheric boiling point.

This correlation, however, was

not quite as accurate as his second graphical procedure. The second procedure involved plotting L_v/T vs. T_r , as before, and combining the multiplicity of "compound lines" into a single generalized curve by multiplying the entropy values for each curve by a constant factor. The resulting plot of relative L_v/T vs. T_r could be used to calculate a latent heat at T2 from a known value at T_1 . Use this equa-

$$\frac{L_{V2}}{L_{V1}} = \left(\frac{T_2}{T_1}\right) \left(\frac{L_V/T \text{ at } T_{r2}}{L_V/T \text{ at } T_{r1}}\right)$$

Watson obtained his Theisen-type equation with n = 0.38 by combining the equation for his molar entropy function curve with the equation shown directly above.

Su developed a different type of correlation by introducing the compressibility-factor equation of state:

$$PV = zRT \tag{14}$$

into the Clapeyron equation:

Number	Correlation	Proponent	Reference			
1.	$L_{V_c} = kT^n (T_c - T)^n$	Mollier	Z. ges. Kalte-Ind., 2, p. 66 (1895).			
2.	$L_V = k (1 - T_r^n)$	Thiesen	Verhl. d. D. Phys. Ges., 16, p. 80 (1897).			
3.	$L_V = kT^{-0.8}$	Pilling	Phys. Z., 10, p. 162 (1909).			
4.	$L_V = kT \left[(1/T_r) - 1 \right]$	Eggert	Phys. Chem., p. 236 (1932).			
5.	$L_{V1}/L_{V2} = T_1^{k1}/T_2^{k2}$	Findlay	Z. phys. Chem., 41, p. 28 (1902).			
6a.	$Li = k (1 - T_r)^{0.4285}$	Bowden & Jones	Phil. Mag., 37, p. 480 (1946).			
6b.	$L_{Y2}/L_{V1} = [(\rho_l - \rho_g)_2 \div (\rho_l - \rho_g)_1]^{1.237}$	Bowden & Jones	Same as above.			
7.	$\frac{L_{V2}}{L_{V1}} = \left[\frac{3 \text{ [P] } T_1 - 4 \ V_b \ T_2}{3 \text{ [P] } T_1 - 4 \ V_b \ T_1} \right]^{6.4}$	Bowden	J. Chem. Phys., Dec. 1955.			

$$\frac{dP}{dT} = \frac{L_V}{T(V_q - V_l)}$$

resulting in:

$$L_V = szR (1 - r)$$
where $s = \frac{-d \ln p}{d (1/T)}$

which is the slope of a $\ln p$ vs. (1/T) plot; and where $r = V_i/V_s$, the volume of the liquid divided by the volume of the gas.

Let's define a reference temperature as T_o and divide Eq. (15) by itself for a temperature T and for the reference temperature T_o . Then,

$$\frac{L_{V_o}}{L_{V_o}} = \frac{sz(1-r)}{s_o z_o (1-r_o)}$$
 (16)

By assuming that the curve of $\ln p$ vs. (1/T) for a given liquid is linear $(s=s_o)$, and by choosing the reference temperature, T_o , in a range of low vapor pressure,

z_o approximates 1.0

and

 V_{lo} is much smaller than $V_{\rho o}$ Therefore,

$$L_V/L_{V_2} = z (1 - r)$$
 (17)

This relationship holds because the term $(1 - r_{\circ})$ drops out at low pressures because r_{\circ} is such a small quantity.

Su further postulated that $L_v/L_{v,o}$ is a function of reduced temperature, T_r only; and he successfully checked the hypothesis with a plot of

$$\log (L_V/L_{Vo})$$
 vs. $1/Tr$

We have reproduced this plot as Fig. 2 on the previous page.

Data for 15 liquids fall on the single generalized curve with an average deviation of about plus or

minus 3%. Latent heat as a function of temperature is calculated from

$$L_{V1}/L_{V2} = y_1/y_2$$

where $y = L_v/L_{vo}$, the ordinate of the plot.

This plot substantiates the statement that the ratio of latent heats of vaporization at any two equal reduced temperatures is the same (very nearly) for all liquids.

Miscellaneous Methods

In the table above we have listed some methods for estimating the latent heat of vaporization that are, for the most part, insufficiently tested; if tested, insufficiently accurate or too inconvenient for engineering calculations compared to other available methods.

Exceptions, which are of some possible value and appear to be fairly accurate, are numbers 6 and 7. No. 6 gives a Theisen-type equation for the temperature depedence of the internal heat of vaporization L_i also calculable from the equation defining L_i :

$$L_i = L_V - P (V_g - V_l)$$

which approximates,

$$L_V - PV_g$$

and therefore,

 L_i approximates $L_V - RT$ (18)

where the symbols are all on a molar basis.

And where $L_v = \Delta H$, the enthalpy change; $L_i = \Delta E$, the change of internal energy.

The last equation in the table above gives a somewhat novel relation involving the parachor [P]

and molecular volume V_b . In an earlier section of this series we have discussed parachor contributions to heat capacities and we reproduced a table of these values (see *Chem. Eng.*, July 1957, p. 267).

Molecular volume, V_{\bullet} is defined as follows:

$$V_b = M/\rho_b$$

where M = molecular weight and ρ_b is density of the liquid at the normal boiling point.

Coming Soon

All of our previous discussion of latent heat of vaporization has been restricted to estimating the properties of pure liquids. It may or may not apply to mixtures.

By definition, $L_{\rm F}$ for a liquid mixture is the difference of the enthalpies of the equilibrium vapor and liquid at a given condition of pressure, temperature and composition. In an early issue we plan to discuss this in much greater detail.

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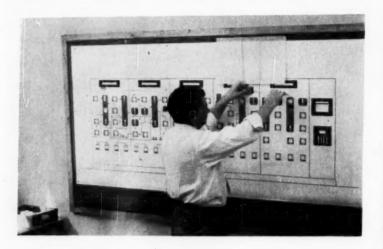
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Mockup for Instrument Panels

Borrowing from the scale-model idea, this instruments group uses quarter-scale cut-outs to design instrument panels.

★ October Contest Winner by A. James Waldron

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In reviewing the engineering procedures of our Instrument Division, we considered the advantages of scale models as used in plant design and decided to try a similar technique for making control board layouts. The method has been highly successful and has worked to the advantage of our own company, our clients, and the instrument panel manufacturers, alike. It is equally useful for all types of panel boards including conventional, semi-graphic, graphic, and various combinations of these.

We concluded that a one-quarter scale would be suitable. This would give the same visual acuity and field of vision at 4 ft. as the plant operator would have at 12 ft. from the actual panel. Then, with the cooperation of the instrument makers we secured photographs and negatives one-quarter full size of all the necessary instruments, rapidly building up a negative library. The

prints we use are reproduced by the Zerox method which gives a dull finish of high detail, but without glare.

Our layout board is a 4 x 8-ft. fiber-board panel permanently fixed to the office wall. On this we pin TV poster cards in gray or green, laid out to scale for the

2- and 4-ft.-wide control board sections which are standard at 90 in. high above a 6-in. curb. These cards have a good surface which is reusable after a layout has been completed, photographed and the components salvaged.

For use on graphic panels we cut out symbols to scale for towers, accumulators, exchangers, vessels, heaters, and the like, employing colored background paper. Once made, they are cataloged and filed since they are reusable in other layouts. For flow lines we use \$-in. Scotch tape, following a consistent color code throughout the panel. Map pins serve for valve symbols, identification. running lights, etc., and colored thumb tacks for pump symbols. We pin the control-board sections in place and affix the symbols and instruments to the background cards with small-headed dressmaker pins.

Total initial cost for the panel, pins, paper, tape and other supplies was under \$75 and is largely a non-recurring expense.

To lay out a panel the instrument engineer first creates a freehand sketch, to scale, of the proposed panel arrangement. A draftsman or engineering assistant then uses this guide in demarcating the control board sections and in pinning up the equipment symbols and instrument prints. If the panel is graphic he then runs the flow

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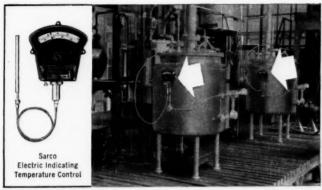
Starting with the April 7 issue, a new department to be called the Design Notebook will alternate with the Plant Notebook. This department solicits short articles primarily of interest to engineers in engineering research and development, and in process, plant and equipment design.

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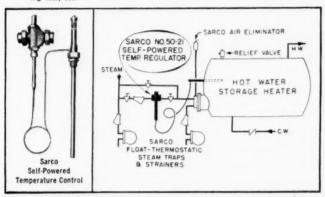
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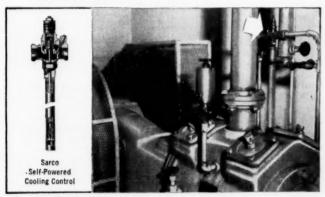
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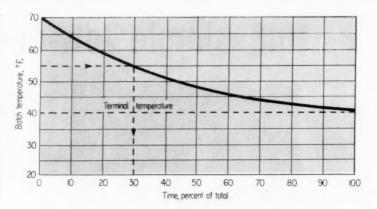
lines with tape of proper color and finally adds miscellaneous items such as flow arrows and name plate symbols. When the arrangement has been agreed on, it is photographed—in color if of the graphic type. This gives a record. If necessary, the photographs can be "blown up" and reproduced on vellum by the Photact method, producing a permanent reproducible tracing.

We use the pin-up panel idea in various ways. In making a proposal to a client, the project engineer can submit photographs of the proposed design with his proposal. The instrument engineer can submit the design for discussion and acceptance, with or without modification on the spot, to the client's management, engineers or operating men.

Since a graphic panel is an abbreviated process flowsheet, the same technique can be used in making and studying process flow diagrams. Lines can be identified by small numbered disks. Then, with the final photograph, a separate sheet gives the line numbers with the associated process data such as flow rates, molecular weights and process temperatures and pressures.

When doing the actual engineering design, the pin-up panel permits rapid comparison of various arrangements. By conference with the client's process, operating and instrument engineers, it makes it easy to arrive at an acceptable layout which is photographed and may be enlarged on vellum. It takes less time to produce a design this way than by drafting methods. For example, a 22-ft. semigraphic control board layout for a UDEX unit was completed in less than 40 man-hr. The cost of reproducing the layout is about the same as reproducing a finished 30 x 40-in. tracing. However, it should be pointed out that making too many color prints can make the direct cost higher than by usual methods.

Other possible uses for pin-up panel photographs include getting firm bids from panel manufacturers, use of the technique for design by the panel makers themselves, and use at pre-job conferences with representatives of various construction crafts.



Percent-Time Predicts Process End

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Here is a time-saving idea in determining elapsed time needed to complete certain processes.

We have a number of large tanks in which batches are mixed at atmospheric temperature, then are cooled by circulating brine in a jacket to near-freezing. We needed to find the best cycle.

In determining total cooling time for any batch we initially took frequent time-temperature readings and plotted these. When the curves reached terminal temperature we read terminal time. After repeating many times under varying conditions we found that all curves were the same shape, varying only in time to reach completion.

When we tried plotting all the curves to a percent time base—where 100% in each case was the time to reach the terminal temperature—all the curves merged into one. After that it was necessary to take only one temperature reading at a known time after the start, compare this with the chart and so find what percentage of total time the present elapsed time would be.

We have also used this method in determining drying time if initial moisture content did not vary much. It could be used in estimating time of completion of chemical reactions where degree of completion is a function of finite time.

NEXT ISSUE: Air-Excluding Constant-Head Feeder

By Thomas J. Dixon, Winner of the November Contest

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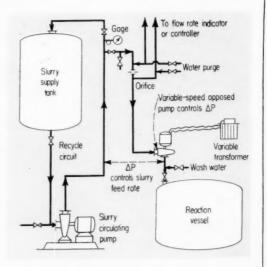
Controlling slurry flow is often a difficult problem when the solids are coarse and rapid-settling. This is particularly true on a laboratory and pilot plant scale. Our solution appears practical for all cases, including large scale.

In trying to handle slurries containing 30 to 40 volume % of 50-100 mesh sodium sulfite at rates of 1-2 gph. in the laboratory and 2-5 gpm. in the pilot plant, we found control with several types of throttling valve completely unsatisfactory. Valves would either plug with solids, or the deposit would break loose on opening and pass a

sudden large flow.

Our solution was to use a small variable-speed centrifugal pump connected in opposition to the desired direction of flow. That is, instead of using a valve to produce the pressure drop needed to restrain the slurry flow, we used the opposed energy of the centrifugal pump to adjust the ΔP available between the recycle line and the slurry discharge point. How this was done is diagrammed at the right.

Slurry from the feed tank is constantly recirculated at relatively high velocity by a pump. At a point near the system feed point a branch line runs to the opposed control pump and the reaction vessel. Pressure in the recycle line is sufficient to feed slurry to the reactor at somewhat over the desired rate when the control pump is off. At maximum speed the control pump



produces enough pressure to stop the slurry flow entirely.

For laboratory control we used a 1/20-hp. control pump, and three such pumps in series for the pilot plant. A standard laboratory autotransformer is a good way to adjust the control pump speed. This can of course be made part of an automatic flow control system.

Although in larger scale operations fairly satisfactory results can be had with conventional flow-control valves, the opposed pump idea makes stable small-scale flow possible and promises improvement even in some large-scale systems.

Easy Silver Plating for Copper Bus Bars

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Copper bus bars exposed to the atmosphere often become oxide-coated, which may increase electrical resistance, raise the bus-bar temperature and lead to equipment instability.

Formation of copper oxide can usually be prevented by electroplating, but this is expensive. An inexpensive solution of sodium cyanide and silver nitrate will do almost as well.

Proceed as follows: To plate 100 sq. ft. take 2 qt. of distilled water and dissolve in it 1 oz. of sodium cyanide crystals. Then dissolve ½ oz. of silver nitrate crystals and stir thoroughly. The solution is very poisonous and rubber gloves and a respirator should always be used when handling it.

To apply, de-energize the bus and clean well with steel wool and dry wiping rags—or use a portable electric drill with a fine steel brushing wheel. This will speed up the job. Then apply the plating solution with a swab or cloths.

Acid Resisting Cements Cure Sealing Problems

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Sealing cements are often needed around chemical plant equipment. A good one for HCl consists of 1 part rosin, 1 part sulfur and 2 parts fireclay. A mixture of boiled linseed oil with fireclay works well with most acid vapors. The old favorite, litharge-oil cement, consists of litharge, 80 lb.; red lead, 8 lb.; flock asbestos, 6 lb.; and boiled linseed oil, 6 qt.

^{*}This article, condensed from the December 1957 issue, has been selected by the editors as the best monthly Plant Notebook winner of the year. The author has therefore received an additional prize of \$100.



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to melt aluminum. Steam pipes to the turbine actually glow red under their insulation!

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Flow Formulas for Slurries

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44. Overflow From Dorr-type Thickening Tanks -

FORMULAS

For heads up to 0.03 ft, V/L = H - 0.0105For heads from 0.07 to 1.0 ft. $V/L = 3.2H^{1.455}$

REFERENCE

Kammermeyer, Ind. Eng. Chem., 36, 202-4 (1944).

NOMENCLATURE

H = Weir head, ft.

 $L = \text{Length of crest } (= 2 \pi r), \text{ ft.}$ = Radial distance from center of tank, ft.

V = Overflow, cfs.

45. Streamline Flow of Slurries in Pipe -

FORMULA

$$\frac{h}{L} = \frac{16t}{3pD} + \frac{\mu V}{pD^2}$$

To obtain μ and t, put material in Stormer viscosimeter. Plot driving force W, grams, against revolutions of drum. Slope of line is S.

= 0.0035S= 0.0020S NOMENCLATURE

D =Diameter of pipe, ft. h =Pressure drop, ft. of water. L =Length of pipe, ft. p =Density, lb./cu. ft. t =Shearing stress at yield point, psi. V =Velocity for

V = Velocity, fps. $\mu = \text{Viscosity, lb./sec.-ft.}$

REFERENCE

Babbitt and Caldwell, Univ. Ill. Eng. Exper. Sta. Bull., Series 323, **35**, No. 13.

46. Friction Loss of Drilling Fluid Returning Through the Annulus -

FORMULA

$$P = \frac{0.000086 p LG^2}{(D_2 - D_1) (D_2^2 - D_1^2)^2}$$

REFERENCE

R. J. S. Pigott, "Drilling and Production Practice," pp. 91–103, Amer. Petrol. Inst., New York (1941).

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NOMENCLATURE

 $D_1 = Minor annulus diameter, in.$

 D_2 = Major annulus diameter, in. G =Rate of fluid circulation, gpm. L =Length of annulus, ft.

P = Pressure loss, psi. = Density of fluid, lb./gal.

47. Friction Loss of Drilling Fluid Through Inside of Drill Stem-

FORMULA

REFERENCE

$$P = \frac{0.000061pLG^{1.86}}{D^{4.86}}$$

APPLICATION

Turbulent flow where Reynolds number is 60,000 to 300,000.

NOMENCLATURE

D =Bore diameter, in. G =Rate of fluid circulation, gpm.

L = Length of drill stem, ft.

P =Pressure loss, psi. p =Density of fluid, lb./gal.

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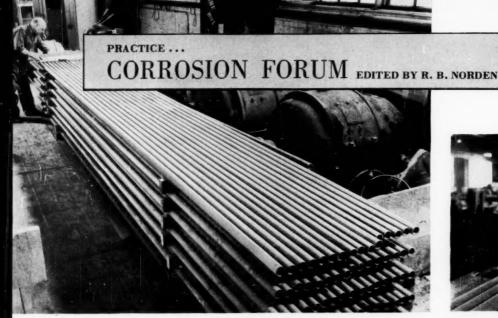
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Niphos process chemically plates uniform nickel coat on complicated parts impossible to electroplate. Coat is hard, ductile and nonporous.

Two commercial chemical nickel plating processes—one new, the other well established—now straddle the electroless nickel plating field.

Jumping in with both feet, Tube Reducing Corp., Wallington, N. J., offers the brightly new Niphos nickel-alloy plating method as competition to General American Transportation's well known Kanigen process (Chem. Eng. Mar. 1955, p. 220). ► Not Carbon Copy—Both eliminate plating current and electrodes: both build up a hard, nonporous, corrosion-resistant coating on a low-cost base metal. Both have infinite throwing power, can plate intricate surfaces with a uniform thicknessan impossibility with electrolytic methods.

But Niphos (developed by N. Y. Testing Lab.) is not a carbon copy of Kanigen. There are basic differences in techniques and properties.

Tube Reducing paints, dips or

sprays a paste of nickel oxide, diammonium phosphate and water on base metal, which must be free of all grease, scale and dirt. The paste dries in the atmosphere; parts are then transferred to a dry-hydrogen controlled-atmosphere furnace. At elevated temperatures (around 1,650 F.) nickel separates from the oxide. Some of this material fuses and alloys with the base metal.

▶ Batch and Continuous—Parts, after treatment, have a silver-like appearance. Usually the coating is 1-mil thick, but several cycles of application and firing can put on thicker coatings. Process can be continuous or batch—continuous in a furnace fed by conveyors or belts. Coating contains about 98% nickel, 2% phosphorus.

General American uses a radically different method, based on a plating solution of nickel sulfate, sodium hypophosphite and water. Plating takes place at

215 F. during catalytic reduction of nickel by the phosphite. All parts must be cleaned of grease and scale before treatment.

Since the plating material is liquid, parts are easily coated by barrel, rack or jig (pumping solution through the piece) methods. After coating, liquid goes to flash evaporators then to regenerating tanks. Here concentrated caustic, nickel sulfate and sodium hypophosphite solutions are added to restore strength.

Heat treatment of the coated parts at 750 F. greatly increases hardness and corrosion resistance. Coating has about 91.3% nickel, 8.7% phosphorus.

Machinable Coating — Both coatings are practically pore free—considerably less porous than electrolytically deposited nickel.

Tube Reducing claims their coating will stand up to temperatures of 1,150 F. And a 180-degree bend will not cause flaking or peeling (because of the metallurgical bond between the coating and parent metal). Coating is not as hard as Kanigen (1,000 vs. 500 Vickers), but

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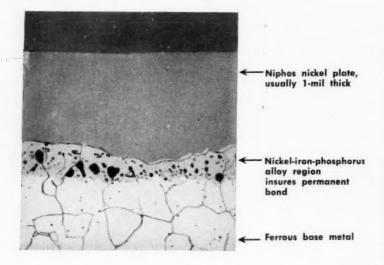
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This relatively high ductility means the Niphos coating can be machined. Coated rotor shafts have been machined to dimensions. It's possible to stamp and form sheet metal after Niphos processing. Also, coated wire has been drawn through dies without damage.

► Costs Get Complicated—Tube Reducing is tight lipped about costs, but Niphos clad 1 2-in. extra heavy pipe runs about \$1/ft., compared with ordinary black pipe at \$0.50/ft. This is competitive with Kanigen costs.

Actually the economics of plating is a complicated subject. Costs depend on complexity, size and value of the parts to be plated. For very simple parts. particularly flat pieces, chemical coating is about 4 to 5 times more expensive than electrolytic nickel. As complexity of parts increase, the cost of electrolytic nickel goes up rapidly while chemical nickel costs remain fairly constant.* In many cases for pipe, chemical and electrolytic nickel coastings are competitive on a cost basis.

Resistant to Many Chemicals -Niphos, like Kanigen, is corrosion resistant to all materials which don't attack nickel. This includes most solvents, sodium hydroxide, phenol, chromic acid.

It is not recommended for molten metals such as aluminum, lead, antimony, bismuth, tin, zinc or for cupric chloride, ferric chloride, hypochlorites, silver nitrate and concentrated sulfurous acid. The coating is presently undergoing intensive corrosion tests.

▶ No Panacea—This is not to say that Niphos coating is without disadvantages, other than costs.

Niphos contains phosphorus which presents some welding difficulties: Phosphorus in a stainless weld will produce cracking. Tube Reducing claims mild steel coated parts can be welded with a mild steel rod, covered with a 312 stainless alloy, without any great difficulty. Stainless can be deposited directly, but phosphorus pick-up temperatures have to be watched and controlled very carefully. Of course, Niphos coated parts can be brazed easily.

Also, any material to be Niphos coated must be compatible with the high temperatures involved (post heat treatment is under investigation). Very large pieces of equipment are difficult to coat since they call for large furnaces (there is no size limitation for Kanigen). And the furnaces pose other problems: on intricate, thin-sectioned parts contour molds with clamping devices have to be used to prevent distortion.

In many cases Niphos nickel alloy can be applied while stress relieving a part. The firing temperature is higher than usual stress-relief temperatures, but the few hundred extra degrees brings most steels into the normalizing range. Tube Reducing claims the higher temperatures do not detract from the physical properties of most steels.

So far Niphos has only been successfully applied to ferrous metals. Kanigen can be applied to iron, steels, copper, aluminum, brass and bronze, but not to tin, lead, cadmium, zinc or antimony. ► Special Applications — Tube Reducing, following the lead of General American Transportation, actually stresses the point that chemical nickel is not just a substitute for electroplate. It has unique properties such as high hardness and no porosity. And it can be applied to very complicated pieces of equipment.

Still young in this field, Tube Reducing plans to sublicense the process. And, as an example of the potential of chemical nickel coatings, Tube Reducing is treating 1,000,000 ft. of oil tanker steam heater coils for carrying

sour crude.

Growing Interest in Niobium Metal . . .

As we push for higher and higher operating temperatures, problems of making better hightemperature materials become more acute. During recent years we've seen the development of iron, nickel and cobalt base superalloys with excellent strengths up to about 1,700 F. For higher temperatures metallurgists are now turning to the higher melting metals. One of these, niobium (formerly known as columbium) is catching a lot of attention.

Recent research indicates niobium has excellent promise as a structural material for temperatures around 1,800 F. Actually niobium doesn't lose its hightemperature strength until about 2,000 F. At that temperature it has the same strength as molybdenum, and is several times stronger than nickel or cobalt

Leading the flurry of activity

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• Du Pont. In a move designed to step up progress in niobium, Du Pont has entered into a joint development agreement with Thompson Products, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, for work in the fields of jet aircraft and missiles. Thompson Products will develop forging and other fabrication techniques for Du Pont developed niobium alloys.

In pure form, niobium is very ductile, unless common gases such as nitrogen, hydrogen, or oxygen are introduced. A one lb., \(\frac{3}{2}\)-in. niobium ingot can be cold rolled into 0.001-in. thick foil without annealing.

Pure niobium oxidizes rapidly at high temperatures. But by alloying, both strength and oxidation resistance at high temperatures have been greatly increased. • Westinghouse. Using a technique called "cage zone melting" Westinghouse scientists have produced ultrapure niobium. There's not much known about the metal, and Westinghouse has a program underway to look into basic properties. First they had to have some pure material to work with. The new lab process does the trick.

Essentially, impurities are removed by refining the metal at a white-hot temperature of 4,400 F. under very high vacuum.

A rectangular bar of impure niobium stands vertically on a movable platform, which can move the bar up and down inside a coil of heavy copper tubing. Coil and platform are enclosed in a sealed vessel having a vacuum only four billionths atmospheric pressure.

When a strong, high-frequency electrical current is sent through the coil, corresponding currents are induced in the bar, which melts from the inside out. The four corners of the bar do not melt, but form a "cage" within which molten niobium is trapped. The niobium bar thus serves as its own crucible within which white-hot metal is refined.

As the bar rises through the coil, a molten zone of niobium travels down the bar from top to bottom, melting the bar progressively throughout its entire length. Successive passes through the coil result in niobium of increasing purity.

. . . And New Tantalum Developments

Tantalum has excellent resistance to corrosive acids and vapors. It's been available for some time, but recent applications in atomic reactors has sparked many new developments.

Kennametal Inc., Latrobe, Pa., has recently announced availability of 99.9% pure tantalum in commercial quantities. Bars, sheets, foil and wire, in addition to granules, are offered. Kennametal also produces niobium at Latrobe.

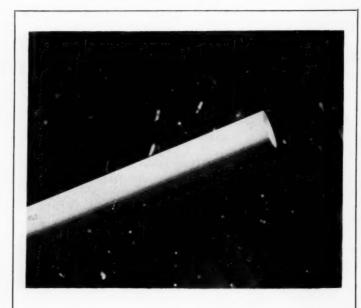
One of the pioneer producers of tantalum, Fansteel Metallurgical Corp., is now producing the metal in a new plant at Muskogee, Okla. Effect of this is a reduction in delivery times for sheet and equipment from 15 to 18 months, down to 43 to 47 weeks. Fansteel hopes to reduce this further this spring.

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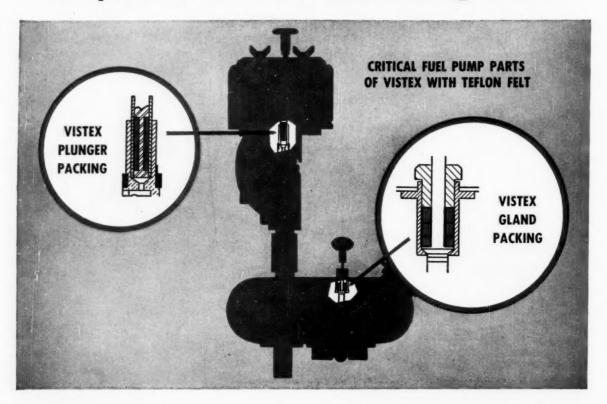
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Here Are the Objectives

Our official explanation of the objectives for and the mechanics of this program runs something like this:

"Most people are not accustomed to planning. They often expend effort without considering whether or not it is being used in the most efficient manner. A busy man may say that he is too busy to plan, not realizing that proper planning will always reduce his work load. Even more important: Planning helps assure that effort is applied in the right direction. The greatest effort in a direction opposite to the departmental objectives is worse than wasted.

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An Additional Objective

This semi-annual letter, as we use it, has an additional objective. It encourages our technical and managerial personnel to re-

^{*} Meet your author on page 194.

view all aspects of the company that concern them and then to bring any aspect they may desire to the attention of their superiors.

Of course, the technical man or the manager is always free to do this; but this letter provides a semi-annual encouragement. It provides, also, an extra (and a more direct) channel of communication.

Simple Operating Mechanics

Our plan is uncomplicated. As mentioned above the letters must be written to the supplied outline. So actually it's just a simple matter of filling in the blanks.

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Here's a Sample Letter

It would be unfair for me to disclose the contents of any of the letters that have been written to me. For illustration purposes, let me use an edited version of the latest letter that I have written to my own boss.

Q.—What are the objectives of my superior?

A.—To maintain, even under the most adverse conditions forseeable, an organization that can provide products needed by industry, jobs needed by employees and profits required for growth.

To select the objectives of the

organization.

To select among the courses proposed by department heads those most likely to attain the objectives established.

To select specific areas of activity in research and marketing.

To select, train, motivate and

supervise the proper personnel required to meet these objectives, and to select the proper relationship among their functions and activities (that is, an organization chart).

Q.—What are my general objectives?

A.—In the area of commercial development: uncover suitable projects; find markets for products; establish specifications, prices and extent of effort to be devoted to each new product in order to obtain maximum return; assist in the selection of suitable fields of activity in research and marketing.

In the area of company development: handle special assignments on subjects such as communications, morale, etc.; increase company prestige through proper handling of publicity and advertising.

Q.—What are my objectives for the next six months?

A.—(Omitted, since they would disclose details of my com-

pany's operations.)

Q.—How is my department organized and what are the responsibilities of each member? Has each a working plan? What specific programs for personal development have been established for each?

A.—(Company confidential.)

Q.—What is my budget. Are there any comments on its adequacy?

A.—Authorization to hire a market development man and one more salesman should give us adequate personnel for the present. We may need additional secretarial help after these men are available for a few months.

Q.—What are my major tools, including space? What additional tools or space will be required in the next six months?

A.—Space O.K. in New York and Chicago. Probably be adequate in Baltimore. Will need space for Ernie here. Q.—How should my achievements be rated?

A.—Sales volume, considering the situation; ratio of sales costs to sales volume; efficiency in selecting products and markets for our company; specific accounts and markets developed; efficiency in supervising my department; new company procedures that increase over-all efficiency; general knowledge of the chemical industry that helps solve problems in other departments; extent of company prestige, as influenced by publicity and advertising.

Q.—What improvement can I suggest?

A.—In the quality of personnel:

 Improve selection through establishing job descriptions and man descriptions.

 Work on establishing Alcolac as a good place to work, in order to attract outstanding men to our company.

• Employ a consulting psychologist to improve inter-rela-

tions.

 Publicize our new employees in our advertisements, both for their morale and to attract new people.

In the area of management techniques:

 Urgent that we install a project-control system.

Continue education of management personnel through attendance at conferences and courses.

 Expand management contacts at meetings of American executives for improved understanding of U. S. industry.

 Spend occasional days (or evenings) discussing special management techniques and their application at Alcolac.

In other fields of activity, we should expand our contacts with consultants to turn up interesting new projects. Also, it is urgent that we find a way to put to use in our own company the accumulated technical knowledge of our associated companies.

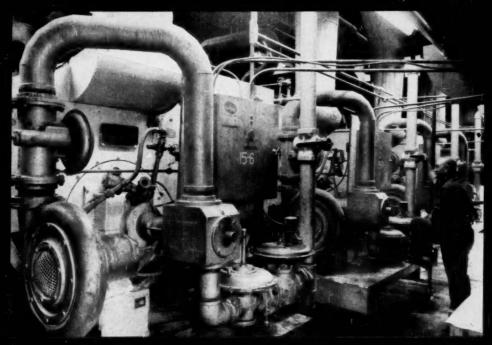
Q.—What changes will improve my efficiency?

A.—Closer contact with the laboratory is required. Routine problems take too much of my time. Eventually a junior man who devotes part time to product development would relieve me.

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Q.—How am I preparing for advancement?

A.—During the past six months: studied industrial psychology and mathematical techniques.

During the next six months, I plan to study mathematical techniques and the financial aspects of business. Also, I plan to review organic chemistry and make a thorough study of surfactant uses in industry.

Q.—Am I happy with my job? What could be done to improve my happiness?

A .- (Confidential.)

Make a Projection Chart

After completing the letter itself, each man then sketches in a chart blocked out in weeks for the next six months. On the chart he lists for each project that he is concerned with a rough guess of when he will be spending time on that project.

By superimposing the individual charts upon each other it's possible to get a bird's-eye view of where the technical effort of any department is being concentrated at any particular time. This can be one of the most valuable byproducts of the program from the standpoint of engineering management.

A Frank Appraisal

Our program has been in operation for over two years now and naturally, we have formed some opinions on and made some appraisals of its effectiveness. For what they may be worth to you, here are some of them:

1. The idea is not accepted very well the first time it is introduced. Most people resent

planning.

2. It takes at least three of these semi-annual letters until the supervisor and his assistant finally see things the same way.

3. The letters have a definite therapeutic value. Some types of assistants take the opportunity to list their gripes. Obviously, this provides an opportunity to bring them out in the open and to get them solved.

4. In almost all cases, the assistant has never considered the objectives of his superior. This is obviously a serious problem as his own objectives can only be completely useful when they

mesh with and supplement the objectives of his superior.

5. Setting up specific objectives forces a man to a more concrete realization of what he can accomplish in a given period of time. The first time or two that he sets up these letters, he greatly overestimates what he actually can do in a given period of time.

The question about departmental organization and the responsibilities of each member of the department is answered only by those men who have assistants reporting to them. The question requires an answer indicating that the manager not only has planned work for these assistants but also has planned some projects for their personal professional development. It focuses attention on the weaknesses which each of us have and the responsibility of the superior to help a man overcome these weaknesses.

Rating achievements is especially important. For example, a superior may be rating a development man on the number of new accounts he brings in, whereas that man may himself be judging his own performance on the amount of useful information he obtains.

Am I happy with my job? If answered frankly, this can be a very useful question. Probably this question will never be answered in complete truth and frankness. Nevertheless, careful analysis of the answers to this question can lead an experienced engineering manager to the roots of trouble.

To Sum Up

The effect of this program on bringing the thinking of a group together is little short of startling. With general objectives, near-term goals and criteria of performance agreed upon, the members of the group are all pulling in the same direction with a minimum of wasted time and motion.

While it will never be a popular program at the lower echelons because of the dislike for planning, management will find that the plan produces substantial results withing 18 months at negligible cost and with little expenditure of management effort.

NEW UNION

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Formation of a new engineering union has moved a step closer to reality. Meeting in Los Angeles, steering committee of the Engineers and Scientists Guild raced through a draft of a constitution.

Committee members agreed on the spirit of the document which would create a new national collective bargaining force of engineers and allied em-

ployees.

Still to be worked out are the legal and technical language of the constitution and a budget which will be acceptable to all participating and observing associations. These associations include in their representative jurisdiction some 22,000 engineers and engineering employees in private industry and governmental agencies.

About half this membership would be comprised of groups which splintered from the Engineers and Scientists of America last May when that organization put the accent on professionalism by voting to exclude technicians, draftsmen and others without engineering degrees.

The rebel faction contends that this move served to de-emphasize the collective bargaining function of ESA, and as a direct result they are trying to form ESG to include both professional and technical people.

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CATALYSIS, Vol. 5. Edited by Paul H. Emmett. Reinhold Publishing Corp., New York. 542 pages. \$15. Reviewed by V. A. Kalichevsky

Volume five of this comprehensive and up-to-date survey is directly related to the manufacture of petrochemicals and to the modern methods of petroleum processing. It's the fifth volume of the series on catalysis edited by the well-known authority on the subject. Additional volumes

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The book is divided into the following chapters: Reactions of carbon monoxide (M. Orchin and I. Wender); the oxo reaction (I. Wender, H. W. Sternberg and M. Orchin); direct catalytic synthesis of higher alcohols from carbon monoxide and hydrogen (G. Natta, U. Colombo and I. Pasquon); the catalytic hydrogenation of aromatic compounds (H. A. Smith); hydrogen isotopes in the study of hydrogenation and exchange (T. I. Taylor); and the hydrodesulfurization of liquid petroleum fractions (J. B. McKinley).

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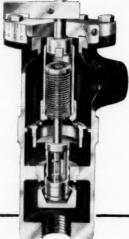
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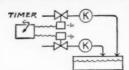


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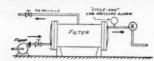
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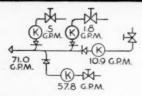
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Of Some Interest

ION EXCHANGERS IN OR-GANIC AND BIOCHEMISTRY. Edited by Calvin Calmon and T. R. E. Kressman. Interscience Publishers, Inc., New York. 761 pages. \$15.

Reviewed by Alex Lesuk

In a commendable and successful attempt to summarize recent advances as well as to present fundamental information in this field of ion exchange, the editors have enlisted the cooperation of 37 experts to write a book of as many chapters.

The subject matter of the book is presented in three parts. The first is concerned with the fundamental considerations of the nature, properties, and behavior of ion exchange materials.

The second part is concerned largely with laboratory techniques and apparatus. A chapter on some of the characteristics of the majority of the commercially available ion exchangers is also included in this section.

The final section of the book a collection of 28 monographs, treats some subjects of more direct interest to the readers of these columns: ion exchangers as catalysts, the isolation of antibiotics and alkaloids, the commercial purification of sugars, polyhydric alcohols, alcoholic beverages, fruit juices, milk and milk products and water. Equipment and process design and other technological considerations are generally omitted.

Aside from the fundamental considerations presented in this volume, the chemical engineer will find only a minor portion of the contents to be of direct interest. However, the biochemist and, to a lesser degree, the organic chemist and the analyst will find this excellent book of tremendous value.

Virtually every chapter in the book is clearly written and, in general, each of the chapters in the final section may be read or studied effectively without reference to those which immediately precede or follow.

BRIEFLY NOTED

AIR AND WATER POLLUTION ABATE-MENT CONFERENCE, 1957 Proceedings. 131 pp. Manufacturing Chemists' Assn. 1625 Eye St. N. W., Washington 6, D. C. Contains 14 papers dealing with polution control.

Atomic Energy Facts. 216 pp. Atomic Energy Commission, Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. \$2. Compiles up-to-date information for management and others interested in atomic energy field.

DETERMINATION AND CORRELATION OF FLOW CAPACITIES OF PNEU-MATIC COMPONENTS. 10 pp. Superintendent of Documents, U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. 10¢. Enlarges the concept of previous publications, replacing "flow factor" with "area factor."

NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON INSTRU-MENTAL METHODS OF ANALYSIS, 1957 SYMPOSIUM. Instrument Society of America, 313 Sixth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., \$5. to ISA members, \$7.50 to non-members. For people interested in development or use of instrument methods of analysis in manufacturing and industrial application.

MORE NEW BOOKS

SOVIET EDUCATION FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. By Alexander G. Korol. Wiley and Massachusetts Institute of Technology. \$8.50.

INDUSTRIAL CHEMICALS, 2nd ed. By W. L. Faith, Donald B. Keyes and Ronald L. Clark. Wiley. \$16.

CATALYSIS IN PRACTICE. Edited by Charles H. Collier. Reinhold. \$3.95.

INORGANIC SYNTHESIS, Vol. 5, Edited by Therald Moeller. McGraw-Hill. \$6.

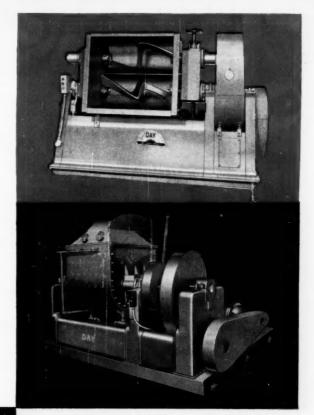
CONCISE GUIDE TO PLASTICS. By Herbert R. Simonds. Reinhold. \$6.95.

HIGHER OXO ALCOHOLS. By Lewis F. Hatch. Wiley. \$4.50.

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Kenneth Finlayson

RATE ECONOMIC FACTORS
BY IMPORTANCE. PAGE 151
"Too often, supervisors spend
too much time and energy 'putting out fires,'" says Author
Kenneth Finlayson. "That is," he
continues, "they jump from one
emergency to the next, with little
opportunity to relate the significance of their immediate actions to their main goal—improved return on investment."

With this in mind, Finlayson set about to turn out the current article, designed to help management control its efforts in relation to the overall economic picture.

Finlayson is now employed at Du Pont's Edge Moor, Del., unit, as an economic analyst. Duties include long range cost forecasting, analyses of costs, evaluation of project economics and coordination of cost reduction efforts.

His interest in economics was fostered quite early in his professional life. He graduated from Newark College of Engineering in 1933—in the midst of the depression. The return on the investment in a college education looked a bit meagre to him at the time—even with his degree in chemical engineering.

First full-time job was with Du Pont in Newark, N. J., making lithopane and colors. And, he has been with Du Pont ever since—working in operations such as group supervisor, area supervisor and process improvement engineer.

With rapid postwar expansion of production, introduction of new products, rising wages and higher prices, his efforts were

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soon concentrated more and more in the field of economic analyses.

Current activities are along the line of preparing the way for the day when electronic computers can be used for "management by exception" as well as for process control and atomatic accounting.

Finlayson reports that his background includes "no professional honors" and that his talents "do not run to political ac-tivities. In fact," he tells us, "the main problem with hobbies seems to be to find the time away from the job of making a living and raising four children." He's the proud father of three girls, aged 20, 17, 10 and one boy, 14.

However, now and then, he manages to squeeze in a few moments of oil painting, dabbling in astronomy and plane flying.



C. O. Hurd

HEAT CONTENT & V. P. OF H₂O₂. PAGE 155

Shell Development Co. gleaned Author Charles Owen Hurd from the University of California's Class of '34 and has hung on to him ever since.

When Hurd joined Shell at Emeryville, Calif., in 1934, he took on a junior chemist's post. Since that time he has come up through the ranks of assistant chemist and junior engineer to his present post of engineer that he attained in 1940.

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Donald J. Simkin

HEAT CONTENT & V. P. OF H₂O₂. PAGE 155

Both Donald J. Simkin and Co-Author Charles Hurd were specialists in thermodynamics for Shell Development Co. when the firm called upon them for a special assignment in their field.

That assignment was to work out the properties of pure H₂O₂ for the firm's process engineers who were designing a new hydrogen peroxide plant. In view of the general interest—both military and civilian—in the properties of hydrogen peroxide, Shell decided to release the information. Hence, the current article.

Simkin was born in New York and went to California while young enough to attend high school out there. He did undergraduate work at UCLA and at the University of California in Berkeley. After earning a B.S. in chemistry in 1945, he went on to earn an M.S. in chemical engineering in 1948.

For a time, he taught organic chemistry at Berkeley. Later, he took on specialized graduate training in combustion at Massachusetts Institute of Technol-

In 1949, Simkin joined Shell Development at Emeryville, Calif. He worked in research for eight years on distillation, extraction, catalytic and thermal



cracking projects. Simkin has also published extensively in these fields.

Last March, Simkin left Shell to join Marquardt Aircraft Co., as a senior thermodynamics engineer. At present, he is senior development engineer working mainly on combustion, fuels and ram-jet propulsion problems.

Memberships include the American Institute of Chemical Engineers, the American Rocket Society, the Combustion Institute and the University of California Alumni Association.

Simkin is married and has one son, age 5. So, of course, he's also active in the local Parent-Teachers Association. Though never outside of the United States, Simkin speaks five languages with some fluency. He's a student of the history of the Middle East and collects U.S. stamps as well as records.

Naturally, because of their locale, the Simkins enjoy exploring Southern California and relaxing in their backyard swimming pool—kidney shaped, of course.



C. G. Linck

SELECTING EJECTORS FOR HIGH VACUUM. PAGE 145

C. G. Linck has spent about twenty years working in the heat exchanger and vacuum field. Assignments have included such specific areas as cost analysis, estimating, production control, engineering and plant management

Of the fifteen years he has spent with his present employer —Graham Manufacturing Co.—he has worked the last five as plant manager.

Linck tells us that he got the idea for the current article while



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indirectly involved in the experimental work done at Graham to develop a six-stage ejector.

Community affairs have always held an attraction for Linck. Besides being an active member of the Rotary Club, he has served on boards of several civic and charitable organizations.



Jack G. Lowenstein

CALCULATE ADEQUATE RUP-TURE DISK SIZE. PAGE 157

Food Machinery & Chemical's Jack Lowenstein is a member of the central research and development team of the firm's chemical divisions

It's a part of his team's job to research, assemble and put into usable form any information which will speed up equipment and process design.

When his team was assigned the job of digging up information on the design of explosion vents for several vessels, they found that practically no information was available—short of a few catalogs published by rupture disk manufacturers.

After the team assembled all required data, it whipped up a rather comprehensive report. This report, evolved into the current article—which presents explosion data in a novel, handy form as well as a straightforward and accepted means of calculating vent and rupture disk sizes.

Jack Lowenstein joined Food Machinery & Chemical in 1956. Before that time, he chalked up a five-year stint with the Chemical Corps Engineering Command, in Edgewood, Md. There, he worked on detection and identification kits, automatic gas alarms, and protective gear. Earlier in his career, he worked as an assistant production manager for General Gummed Products, Inc., in New York.

Lowenstein earned his chemical engineering degree from Pratt Institute in 1950. Just now, he's working towards a master's at the University of Maryland. While at school, he won a war veterans scholarship in 1948 from New York State. Around the same time, he was also awarded honorary membership in the American Electrochemical Society for electrochemical research.

This isn't the first time that Author Lowenstein's work has appeared in this magazine. He has turned out quite a number of "Plant Notebook" items over the years, as well. What's more, he has also authored about half a dozen articles—mostly on fluid flow

Lowenstein is married, with two children. They live in Baltimore, Md. Non-professional interests include model railroading—an HO gauge layout (which he hasn't been able to touch since the kids are around). He's also an avid science fiction fan, which he reports has kept him from shock at the swift developments in the rocket and "sputnik" fields.



Carl Pacifico

HOW "DEAR BOSS" LETTERS SPAWN CREATIVITY. PAGE 179

American Alcolac's Carl Pacifico deplores the unrealistic approach of engineers to business problems, despairs that the objectives of our society are not the same as the fundamental requirements of the human organ-

ism, delights in his family and friends, and desires to introduce the principles of science to organize the many scraps of business facts into a body of knowledge similar to engineering.

He grew up in South Philadelphia where he learned "that hard work and self reliance are a satisfactory substitute for connec-

tions and proper tie."

Pacifico attended Drexel Institute of Technology on the cooperative basis, using his periods in industry to try some types of engineering jobs. He received his B.S. in chemical engineering in 1943, with honors.

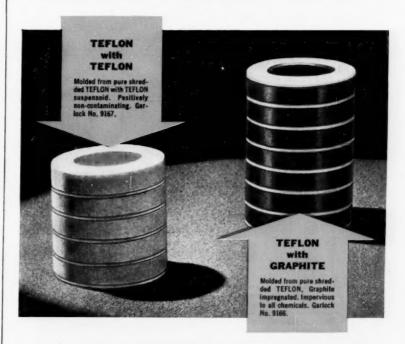
The next two years were spent in the Air Force as a radar officer. Key lesson learned here was that the routine organization and utilization of technical people, however necessary it may seem in wartime, results in low efficiency and a minimum of creative thinking. (C'est la guerre!)

His military stint was followed by a period of "floundering around" (a retrospective judgment) working on various jobs for Publicker Industries. The trend of jobs gradually moved from the technical to the commercial. Then, in 1949, he joined Wyandotte Chemicals in market development work. This gave him an opportunity to learn something about the chemical process industries and the people in it.

During this period, he decided that random reading was not a satisfactory means of accumulating knowledge. He laid out a five year program to educate himself thoroughly. To make sure that his reading cut deep, he wrote a book as he went along, summarizing the subject matter. So far, prospective publishers commend the ambitious manuscript but have serious doubts about its commercial future.

In 1954, Pacifico joined American Alcolac where he is now vice president. This has provided him an opportunity to become acquainted with all phases of a reasonably small company which makes technical products. And, perhaps more important, it has also provided him with a superior (i. e. the company president) who's willing and even eager to apply creative ideas in business decisions.

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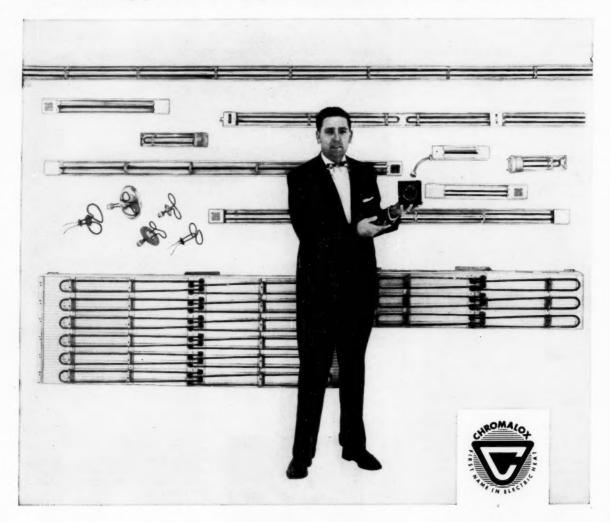
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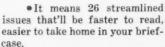


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LETTERS: PRO & CON

C. H. CHILTON

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Con: Dust Collector Claims

Sir:

In reading over the article, "Wet Scrubber Fits Into Duct," in your August issue (pp. 192-4), I find many points open to ques-

You make the statement that the Microdyne collector is "the first commercial dust collector to embody all the fundamental principles of the Greenberg-Smith impinger." If this is true, where is the high-velocity jet, the 180° reversal of flow and the large expansion chamber of the Greenberg-Smith unit?

You say that the collector "matches the ductwork for size." Yet the rating of the 8-in.-dia. unit is only 500 cfm. This flow rate in an 8-in. duct gives a velocity of only 1,500 fpm., which would allow heavy dust to settle out. According to usual practice, 500 cfm. would be accommodated by a 5½-in, duct in which the velocity would be about 3,000 fpm.

Inasmuch as the cross-section of an 8-in, duct is 2.56 times that of a 5-in. duct, the manufacturers claim seems to be of little value.

Further, the article states that the design of the screen assures that there is no straight path through the unit and, therefore, "each piece of dust will contact a wet surface." I wish that making dust particles contact wet surfaces were as easy as this, but it never is.

The article compares the pressure drop through the Microdyne (5-8 in.) with that through a venturi scrubber (30-50 in.). This is not a fair comparison, as the venturi scrubber is entirely different in principle. I have figures which show pressure drops through the Hydro-Filter -



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unit more nearly like the Microdyne—to be only 3-7 in.

I'm afraid that there is more salesmanship than engineering in your story.

H. LESLIE BULLOCK Engineering Consultant New York, N. Y.

► While we don't question Mr. Bullock's engineering analysis of the manufacturer's claims for Microdyne, we take exception to his closing comment.

The stories in our Process Equipment department have one primary function-to inform our readers of individual new developments in equipment. The source of our information is almost always the manufacturer of the equipment. It's only natural for the manufacturer to claim certain advantages for his product. We are careful to identify the claims by such phrases as these used in the Microdyne story: "Efficiency reported to be greater"; "to back up such a claim, officials say"; "Microdyne engineers are showing some cost comparisons;" etc.

The type of penetrating analysis which Mr. Bullock's letter suggests is the function of our feature engineering articles and reports. In the same issue as the new scrubber story is a comprehensive report in which various methods of odor control are reviewed and compared and another article on various ways in which mechanical energy can be applied to diffusional separations.—ED.

Pro: Chemical Metallurgy

Sir:

I was very pleased to see the announcement (Aug. 1957, p. 3) that the biennial Award for Chemical Engineering Achievement will this year go to the various companies who have successfully applied chemical engineering in production of the "atomic-age" metals.

I am greatly interested in this phase of chemical engineering, and I am convinced that the application of techniques developed by chemical engineers for the petroleum and other chemical processing industries has been vital to successful production of these metals. In addition, the technical developments necessary for commercial production of the rarer metals are now being successfully applied to the commoner metals which have heretofore been produced chiefly

by conventional metallurgical processes, utilizing a minimum of chemical engineering.

It appears to me that the developments which are being honored by the award represent just the beginning. The broad application of chemical engineering principles to the winning of the metals of the future may well revolutionize the entire metallurgical field.

J. A. PATTERSON Engineering Consultant Pittsburgh, Pa.



Universal, Not Union

Sir:

Your Process Flowsheet for November, "Solid Gilsonite Feeds 'Petroleum Refinery" (pp. 222-5), contains a statement which involves two errors: "Raw naphtha overhead then feeds to a two-stage reforming operation—Union Oil of Calif.'s Unifining followed by Union Oil Products' Platforming."

Unifining is a catalytic hydrogen treating process; no reforming occurs. The operation described, therefore, is not two-stage reforming. The two processes are quite separate, and either can operate without the other. It is common from the standpoint of economics to utilize the net hydrogen product from Platforming as a source of hydrogen for Unifining (as in this installation), but it is by no means mandatory.

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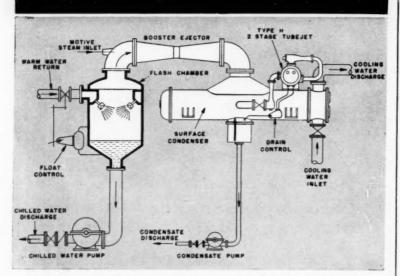
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Con: Poor Color Register

Sir

The bright, multicolor diagrams used in your magazine are a fine feature, easy on the eyes and a welcome aid to the reader.

Nevertheless, more often than not the colors don't superimpose as planned. In most cases this is unimportant, but in such things as design charts it is more than annoying, for it results in inaccurate charts. One such example is the displacement of the vertical axis of the chart on page 253 of your August 1957 issue, in which the error is about 5%.

How about rectifying this situation? One solution is to use only one color for all lines of a design chart.

OCTAVE LEVENSPIEL Bucknell University Lewisburg, Pa.

▶ Registry of color is a real problem in commercial printing. To ameliorate the effects of poor register, we provide single-color tick marks along the ordinates of most design charts. The reader can then see that values read from the curves may have to be corrected. ►ED

Pro: Odor Control

Sir

Permit us to compliment you and Mr. Von Bergen on the factual, comprehensive and interesting report, "Industrial Odor Control," appearing in your August issue (pp. 239-250).

We think you have done a particularly good job on the discussion of the catalytic combustion process. We have these two comments:

• We believe that incorrect credit was assigned to Fig. 1. We first employed this design in 1951, and the illustration first appeared in a 1952 paper by Harold F. Borger of Hilton-Davis Chemical Co., published in American Paint Journal.

 Our friend Amos Turk, whom you used as a reference, overlooked the energy available when suggesting a lower practical range of concentration for catalytic combustion. This is also clear from your heat-content table when referring, for instance, to hexane. One of our self-recuperative systems can usually be operated on a fully self-sustaining basis, without external heat, when the temperature rise through the catalyst bed exceeds about 225 F.

R. J. RUFF Catalytic Combustion Corp. Detroit, Mich.

► For a specific odor control problem and solution, see Dec. 1957, pp. 164-6.—ED.

Pro: Fermentation Glycerine Sir:

We refer to your recent news item (Nov. 1957, p. 140), on the acquisition by Scientific Design Co. of licensing rights to the fermentation glycerine process developed by Imperial Chemical Industries.

We do not agree that "for U.S. conditions, fermentation glycerine must overcome a tough economic barrier, requiring a much more favorable spread than now exists between cost of molasses and cost of propylene and chlorine, chief raw materials for making synthetic glycerine."

Our data indicate that fermentation glycerine may be produced at competitive cost with the propylene synthesis process at a price of \$25-30/ton for black-strap molasses, when propylene and chlorine are priced at \$50/ton and \$60/ton, respectively.

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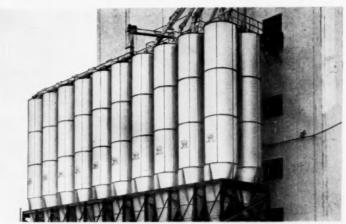
A. R. SMITH

Scientific Design Co. New York, N. Y.

▶ Regardless of the price of molasses, we hope to publish a more detailed story on the fermentation glycerine process in an early isue. —ED.

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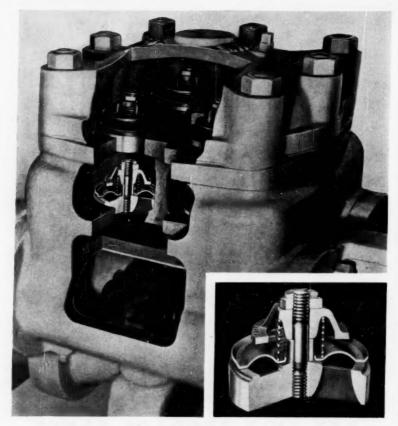
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Charles C. Van Soye

Charles C. ("Chuck") Van Soye has joined *Chemical Engi*neering's staff as an editorial assistant.

Chuck is a graduate in chemical engineering from Cornell University (1954). At Cornell, he received an engineering scholarship and won the 1954 regional AIChE student paper award. After graduation, he was 1st Lieutenant in the Army for 2 years, serving as a research and development coordinator with the Ballistic Research Laboratories at Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Md., and in the Marshall Islands.

Before joining Chemical Engineering, Chuck was a chemical engineer in the technical service division at Sun Oil Co.'s Marcus Hook refinery. His work involved process studies, operation trouble-shooting, comparison of equipment performance and maintenance studies for lube oil manufacture.

Philip H. Lawrence has been named plant manager of the Niagara Falls, N. Y., plant of B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co. Henry H. Striby has been appointed supervising engineer of the companys Louisville, Ky., plant.

W. Robb Nisbet has been transferred to the Lion Oil Co. Division of Monsanto Chemical Co. and is now manufacturing superintendent in charge of ethylene facilities at Texas City, Tex.

THE NEWS

M. A. GIBBONS

Sidney J. Baum has been elected vice president in charge of plastics development and production for Foster Grant Co., Leominster, Mass.

Orlin J. Gibbs was promoted to technical foreman, profit analysis unit, costs and economics department, at Gulf Oil Corp., Port Arthur, Tex.

Charles K. French is now manager of the product development department at the new Anaheim, Calif., plant of Flexible Tubing Corp. He will have complete charge of the company's large new laboratory.

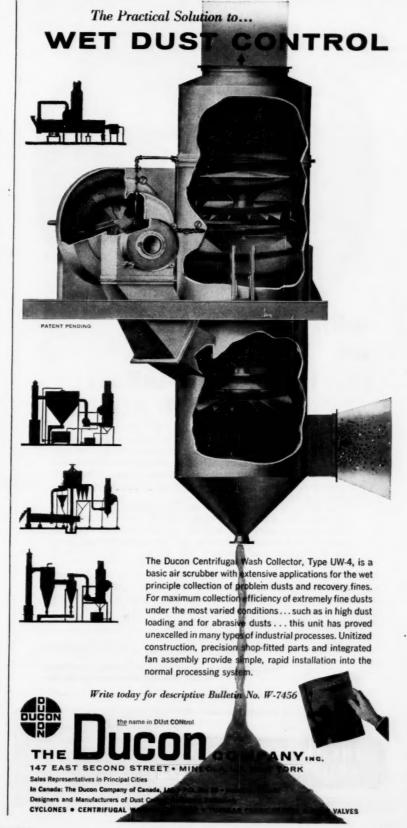


Warren K. Lewis

The father of modern chemical engineering, Warren K. Lewis, was 1957 recipient of the American Petroleum Institute's Gold Medal for Distinguished Achievement — a citation presented to an outstanding American who has contributed substantially to the advancement of mankind through the petroleum industry.

An international leader in petroleum research and a teacher for almost half a century, Dr. Lewis is emeritus professor of chemical engineering at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He taught at MIT from 1905 until 1948 as assistant professor, professor, head of the chemical engineering department.

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dustry, among them perfection of efficient methods of fraction in refining; of solvent recovery systems; of vacuum distillation of lubricating oils and of the widely used refining process, fluid catalytic cracking.

In addition to the API award, Dr. Lewis has also received the Priestly Medal of the American Chemical Society; Perkin Medal of the Society of the Chemical Industry; Gold Medal of the American Institute of Chemists; first American Chemical Society Award in Industrial and Engineering Chemistry.



Nat Kessler

A. E. Staley Mfg. Co. has announced the appointment of Nat Kessler as its chief chemical engineer.

Kessler joined Staley after completing work for his M. S. in chemical engineering in 1944. He was a chemical engineer at the company's Decatur, Ill., plant until 1951, when he was named technical supervisor of the company's Painesville, Ohio, plant. He returned to Decatur in 1953 as senior chemical engineer.

Since early 1957, Kessler served as acting head of Staley's chemical engineering section. In his new position he succeeds George N. Cornell, who was recently named director of a new operations research department.

Hugh S. Ferguson, former executive vice president of W. R. Grace & Co., has been elected to the Board of Directors of National Research Corp.

R. Carter W. Jones has been named assistant manager of the eastern region of

860 Spruce St.

Du Pont's petroleum chemicals division. Jones was formerly sales service manager for the division and before that had managed its sales promotion section.



O. D. Myrick, Jr.

Organization of a development planning department with O. D. Myrick, Jr. as director, has been announced by Davison Chemical Co. Division of W. R. Grace & Co. Purpose of the new group is to assist in the expansion efforts of Davison's product divisions.

Myrick, who has been with Davison since 1942, has served in several capacities in the company's research and development department, most recently as manager of development.

J. B. Charlton and R. N. Coker have been named supervising engineers and will head two newly formed groups in the process and planning department of Chemstrand Corp.'s engineering division. Charlton heads the economic evaluation group in the planning section while Coker heads the fibers group in the process section.

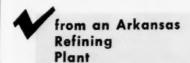
James C. Geddes, Jr. has joined the research and development department of Ethyl Corp. at Baton Rouge, La.

William N. Wright has been appointed acting associate director of the patent division of Esso Research and Engineering Co. John D. Wells has been named senior staff engineer in the company's engineering coordination unit.

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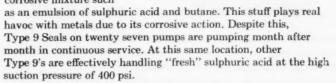


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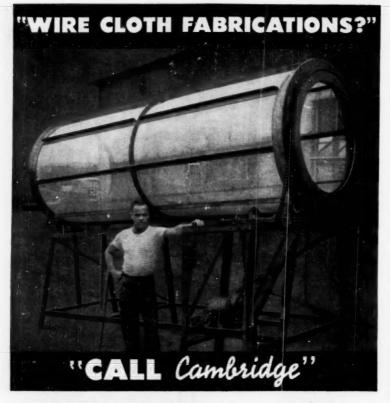












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J. R. Stein

Dow Chemical Co. has announced the appointment of J. R. Stein as general manager of its Louisiana Division facilities now under construction on a 1,600-acre tract on the west bank of the Mississippi River at Plaquemine, about 10 miles south of Baton Rouge.

Stein started his Dow career in 1937, following his graduation from the University of Michigan. He was with organic research and production engineering activities until 1940 when he was assigned to the Texas Division. In 1943 he was appointed an assistant general manager and was responsible for production control, construction and maintenance control, economic evaluation and purchasing.

Since the spring of 1956, when construction facilities began, Stein has been project manager of the Louisiana Division.

- J. T. Faubion, formerly manager of production coordination, has been promoted to manager of planning and distribution of Dow Chemical Co.'s Texas Division. George E. Hardy has been appointed product manager of Dow's new pharmaceuticals section, which takes the place of the former fine chemicals section.
- E. M. Dannenberg is the director of carbon black research for Godfrey L. Cabot, Boston, Mass. Raymond P. Rossman has been named director of Cabot's newly formed carbon black technical department. And Randolph Antonsen is director of the company's newly formed new products

research and development department.

- John D. Czarnecki is the new manager of research-plastics for Bradley Container Corp. and Pittsburgh Plastics Co.
- R. K. Turner has been appointed president of Bakelite Co. Division of Union Carbide Corp. He succeeds George C. Miller, who has been appointed president of Union Carbide Realty
- M. Clark Wakefield has joined Borden Co.'s chemical division as Midwest district sales manager of the Plyco-Monomer department.



George P. Brandt

New production manager of Callery Chemical Co.'s \$4 million plant at Lawrence, Kan., is George P. Brandt.

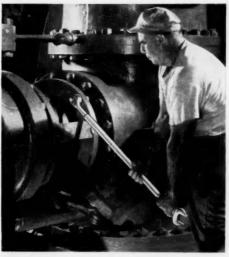
Brandt was a production and control supervisor at the Oak Ridge, Tenn., atomic energy project from 1944-1947. He joined Callery in 1953 as a section head in research and development and has not only helped select the Kansas site for the new plant but also worked on design and procurement.

Lincoln T. Work, consulting chemical engineer, is the new president of the Association of Consulting Chemists and Chemical Engineers.

Joshua S. Bowen, Jr. has joined the chemical engineering group of Atlantic Research Corp., Alexandria, Va. Bowen will conduct research on pyrometallurgical problems,

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Bernard I. Spinrad is now director of the reactor engineering division at Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, Ill

H. S. M. Burns, president of Shell Oil Co., was elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Petroleum Institute.



Joseph C. Elgin

The 1957 William H. Walker Award, considered one of the highest honors of the chemical engineering profession, was presented to Joseph C. Elgin, dean of Princeton University's engineering school.

The Award was bestowed on Dr. Elgin for his fine contributions to chemical engineering literature, especially for his papers in the field of liquid-liquid extraction.

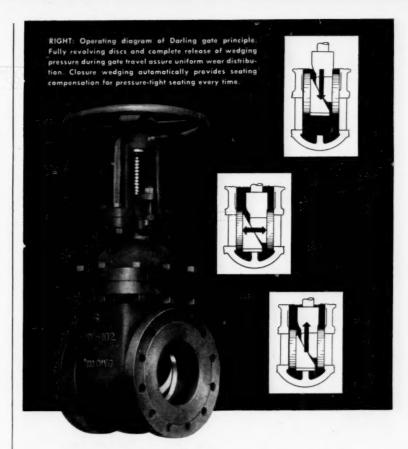
Since receiving his degrees of bachelor and master of science from the University of Virginia, and a doctorate from Princeton in 1929, Dean Elgin has had a distinguished academic, industrial and governmental career. He has published numerous papers and articles on solvent extraction; gas absorption; rubber reclaiming; removal of sulfur from petroleum; mechanics of fluidized systems; photochemistry and heterogeneous catalysis.

Dr. Elgin began his Princeton teaching career in 1929, became dean of the engineering school in 1954 and was named chairman of the Board of Trustees last

- Joseph C. Abeles has been elected a director of Haile Mines, N. Y. He is also a director, vice president and treasurer of Kawecki Chemical Co., Boyertown, Pa., and a director of Hexagon Laboratories, N. Y. and Talco Engineering Co., Hamden, Conn.
- L. Daniel Fessenden has joined Pfaudler Co., Rochester, N. Y., as a member of the engineering department. He reports to the director of central engineering on consultant work aimed at providing technical direction for increased sales on agitation and mixing equipment.

OBITUARIES

- William H. Pinckard, retired chairman of the California Texas Oil Co., Ltd., in New York, died in Palo Alto, Calif., on October 20. He was 63 years old.
- Charles H. Snow, dean emeritus of the College of Engineering at New York University, died on October 28 at the age of 94. Dr. Snow was dean of NYU's engineering school from 1897 to 1930. He was a founder of the American Society of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.
- J. E. Underwood, universally known as "Jude" throughout the chemical industry and profession, died on November 25 in Princeton, N. J., at the age of 68. Underwood's long and active career began with pioneering research on radium and radioactivity for the U.S. Bureau of Mines during and immediately after World War I. During World War II he returned to government service to join the Office of Production Research and Development of the War Production Board. From 1944 until his retirement a few years ago. Underwood was director of research for Diamond Alkali Co., Painesville, Ohio.



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FIRMS IN



Monsanto Chemical Co. has relocated its general offices. New address: Lindbergh & Olive St. Road, St. Louis 24, Mo.

Helipot Corp., division of Beckman Instruments, has a new mailing address: P. O. Box 458, Newport Beach, Calif.

Carboline Co., manufacturer of corrosion-resistant protective coatings and linings, has moved its general office and laboratory to 32 Hanley Industrial Center, St. Louis 17. Mo.

Permutit Co. has relocated its main office at 50 West 44th St., New York 36, N. Y.



American-Marietta Co. has purchased Niagara Concrete Pipe Ltd. of St. Catherine, Ont. Acquisition extends American-Marietta's precast concrete operations into Canada's most active construction area.

American Can Co. is planning to merge with Marathon Corp., a major producer of pulp, paper and paperboard, subject to stockholder approval.

Haveg Industries has acquired Lithgow Chemical Co. of California, manufacturer of chemical-resistant plastic coatings, cements, impregnations and laminated linings.

Crucible Steel Co. is now full owner of Rem-Cru Titanium, Inc., having acquired the

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half-interest owned by Remington Arms Co.

Air Products Inc. has acquired Kemsco, Inc. of Torrance, Calif. Kemsco will continue to manufacture its liquefied gas pump and will still engage in low-temperature research.



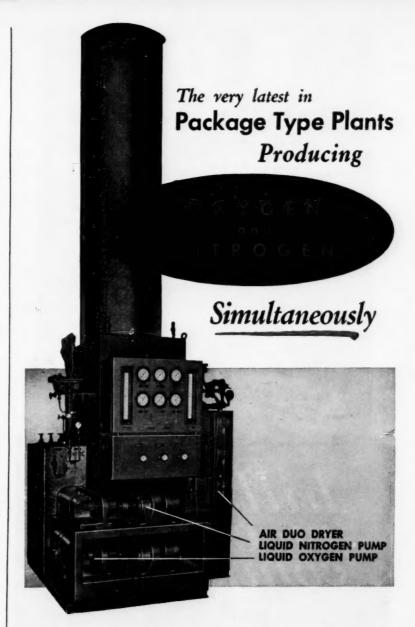
Celanese Corp. of America has opened a new polyolefin pilot research laboratory in Summit, N. J., to investigate applications for made-to-order fibers of predesigned molecules.

Esso Standard Oil's new Cologne, Germany, refinery is now slated to swing on stream in November 1958. Capacity of the \$83.3-million installation will be 70,000 bbl./day with further expansion already being planned.

Helipot Corp., division of Beckman Instruments, has opened a new \$3-million plant in Newport Beach, Calif., for production of its helical potentiometer, used widely in instrumentation and in guided missiles.

California Oil Co. has awarded a contract to H. K. Ferguson Co. for construction of a 10,000-bbl./day catalytic reformer at its Perth Ambey, N. J., refinery. Completion is scheduled for first of 1959.

Venezuelan Government has cleared 750 acres of forest at Moron, Venezuela, and is building a \$335-million petrochemical complex. Plastics, textiles, fertilizers, explosives and synthetic rubber will be



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Amoco Chemicals Corp. has a new 25,000-sq. ft. plant in Seymour, Ind., that is producing starter cartridges for jet aircraft engines.

Monsanto Chemical Co. is adding 15,000 sq. ft. to facilities of its Organic Chemicals Div. including expanded laboratory and greenhouse space.

Chemical Construction Corp.
has started work on a new
development center near New
Brunswick, N. J. Building
will have complete facilities
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Harvey Aluminum's new 54,000ton/yr. aluminum plant at The Dalles, Ore., is nearing completion; a 120,000-kw. transmission line has recently been installed.

Babcock & Wilcox's Tubular Products Div., Koppel, Pa., is expanding its stainless steel facilities with the addition of a new electric-arc furnace costing around \$13 million.

Westinghouse Electric Corp. has installed complete facilities at its Fairmount, W. Va., plant for production of quartz tubing.

National Aluminate Corp. has completed a third phase of its expansion program with completion of a \$1.5-million addition to administrative and laboratory facilities.

Semet-Solvay Petrochemical Div. of Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. has installed new manufacturing facilities for atomized A-C polyethylene at the Buffalo, N. Y., plant. This addition assures an adequate supply of this polyethylene powder which has been in short supply.



Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. has purchased a synthetic rubber pilot plant and laboratory in Akron, Ohio, owned by the government since 1944.

National Petro-Chemicals Corp. will build a new 75-million-lb./yr. polyethylene plant slated to be completed in 1958. Plant will be engineered and built by M. W. Kellogg at Houston. Tex.

Calumet Nitrogen Products Co. has started production at its new 300-tons/day anhydrous ammonia plant in Hammond, Ind. Hydrogen for plant comes from nearby oil refining operations.

Arizona Portland Cement Co. will construct a \$12-million cement plant at Ash Fork, Ariz., to be in operation by spring of 1959. The 2 million-bbl./yr. plant will supply primarily the growing needs of northern Arizona.

Hercules Powder Co. will double urea capacity at its Hercules, Calif., plant. New unit will use ammonia and carbon dioxide as raw materials; expected to be finished by late

Jefferson Chemical Co. has contracted with Scientific Design Co. for the building of a 60-million-lb./yr. ethylene oxide plant at Port Neches, Texas. Plant is slated for operation in 1958.

Stauffer Chemical Co. will enlarge its Richmond, Calif., plant to produce 50,000 tons/yr. of pelletized single superphosphate. New \$350,000 plant will use a unique process developed by Stauffer. Operation is slated for March 1958.

Ansul Chemical Co. is adding 3,000 sq. ft. to its manufacturing facilities for disodium methyl arsonate. Scheduled to be in operation by late fall, addition will cost \$40,000.

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Standard Oil Co. (Ind.) will have a new 140,000-bbl./day crude still operating at its Whiting, Ind., refinery in 1959. New unit will permit abandoning several smaller units in use for many years.

Allied Chemical & Dye's General Chemical Div. is completing a major expansion of its sulfur hexafluoride plant at Baton Rouge, La. Addition will enable it to meet increased demands of electronic industries.

Borden Co. has a new butadiene styrene plant on stream at Illiopolis, Ill. Plant, replac-ing outmoded facilities, triples capacity of manufacturing operations.

Sharples Corp.'s English subsidiary, Sharples Centrifuges Ltd., has moved into a new plant at Camberley, Eng. Plant provides increased manufacturing research and test facilities.

Link-Belt Co. doubled manufacturing capacity in Los Angeles, Calif., area when it moved into a new 90,000-sq. ft. plant. Company also plans a new \$5-million plant in Indianapolis, Ind., area, to be in full production by 1959.

Electro Metallurgical Co. has completed new production facilities at Alloy, W. Va., for manufacture of Mantemp exothermic ferromanganese; expands capacity six-fold.

Solvay Process Div. of Allied Chemical & Dye Corp. has doubled capacity at its Brunswick, Ga., mercury-cell chlorine-caustic soda plant, produces liquid caustic (50%

NaOH) in both regular and rayon grades.

Firestone Tire & Rubber Co. is already mapping plans for expansion of its Orange, Tex., butadiene plant. Completed seven months ago with a capacity of 40,000 tons/yr., plant supplies raw material for company's synthetic rubber plants.

Tube Turns Div. of National Cylinder Gas Co. is increasing its manufacturing area 40% by converting buildings on property adjacent to its Louisville, Ky., plant. Program will cost around \$400,000.

Formica Corp., subsidiary of American Cyanamid, by spring of 1958 will have added 100,000 sq. ft. floor space at its Evansdale, Ohio, plastic laminates plant.

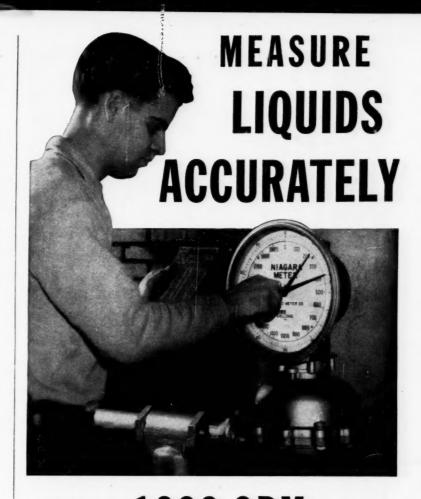
Swastik Oil Mills Ltd. is operating India's first synthetic detergent plant. Foster D. Snell Inc. engineered the plant in Bombay which supplies industrial and household detergents.

Monsanto Chemical Co.'s Springfield, Mass., Lustrex high-impact styrene installation will be doubled in capacity. Completion is slated for May 1958.

Continental Oil Co. has completed its atomic radiation laboratory in Ponca City, Okla., will use nuclear radiation in experiments aimed at improving petroleum products and processes.

Macco Corp. of Los Angeles, Calif., has started construction on a 100-ton/day ammonia plant at Lathrop, Calif. Plant will cost \$4.8 million and should be completed by Oct. 1958.

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Analytic Systems Co. has been formed as a division of Research Instrument Corp. for manufacture and sale of instruments for process stream analysis.

Air Products (Gt. Britain) Ltd. has been organized in England by Air Products Inc. of Allentown, Pa., and Butterly Co. of London. Firm will design, manufacture and install oxygen plants for European market.

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Southwestern Engineering Co. is now designing and producing a complete new line of vacuum equipment including surface condensers and steam-jet ejectors.

General Mills has formed a Nuclear Equipment department which will specialize in remote-control handling equipment for use in radiation laboratories.

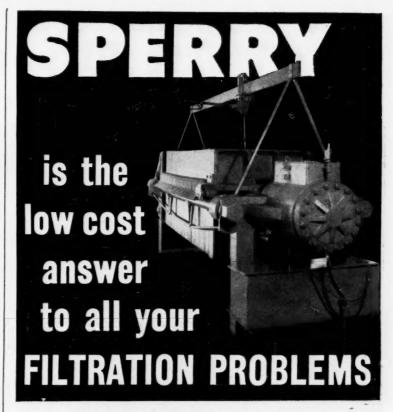
Kimberly-Clark Corp. has formed a chemical division. First product is a clay additive for ceramic and brick that relieves stress, prevents efflorescence and aids mold-



Telco, Inc., 4030 Superior Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, is now the exclusive dealer for Denver pumps in the Cleveland area.

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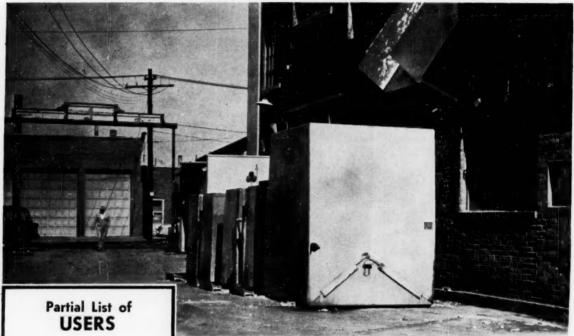
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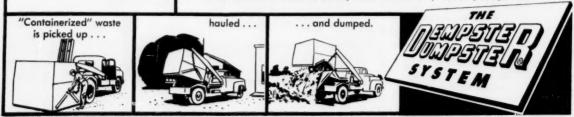
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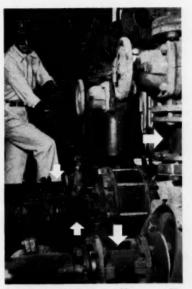
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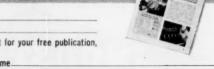


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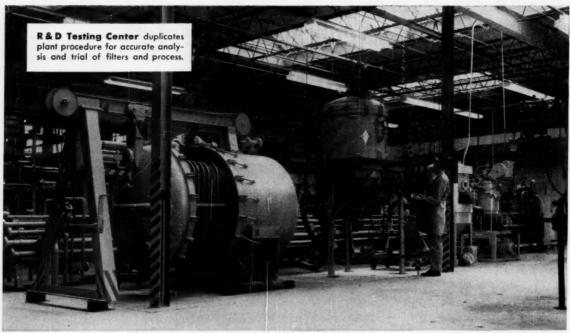
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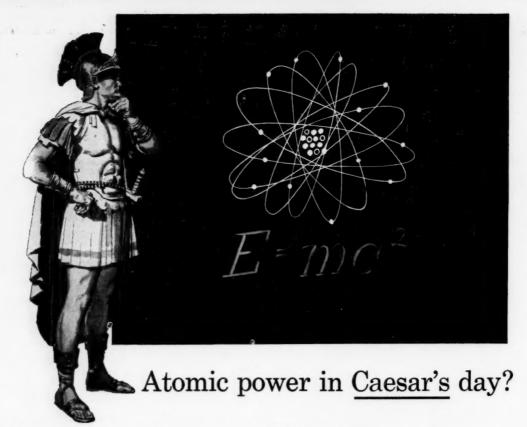
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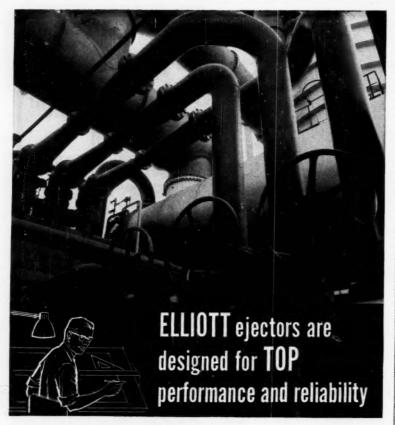
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Elastomers.....Neoprene, a synthetic rubber, resists acids, abrasion, heat, weather, oil and grease. Hypalon synthetic rubber resists heat, oxidizing, abrasion and weather. Elastomers Notebook. 219 *E. I. du Pont de Nemours.

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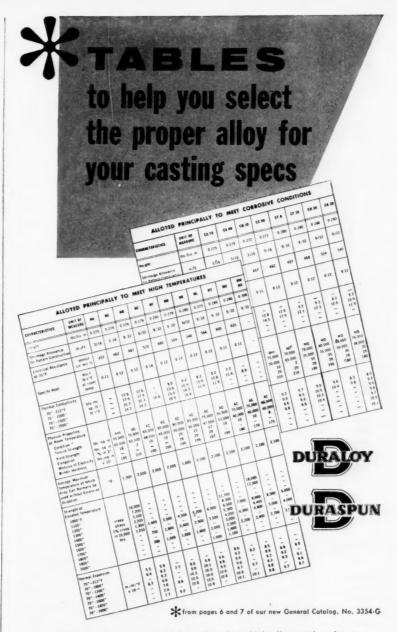
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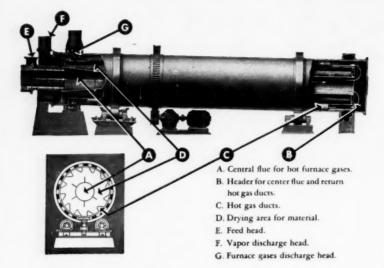
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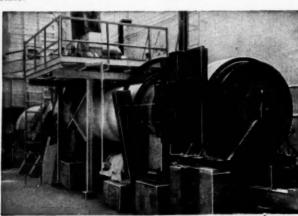
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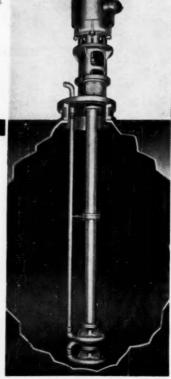
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L244 *Chemical & Power Products.

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- Power Unit.....8 p. catalog, MS-1247, describes B-125 power unit. Two large cutaways of unit are shown, along with B-125 specs and a list of special equipment available to expand versatility of engine. 233A Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co.
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 70 *U. S. Stoneware Co.
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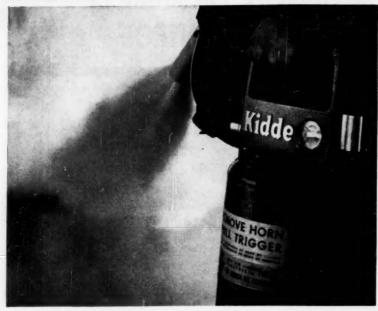
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 83 Foster Wheeler Corp.
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- Ovens......Company's ovens have many uses; for instance, one is used to anneal parts and bake finishes on plastic pitchers for a Minnesota company. Helpful V-Bulletin is made available to you. T238 *Despatch Oven Co.
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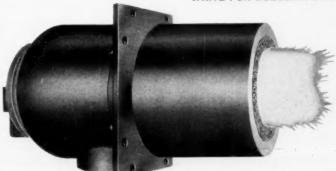
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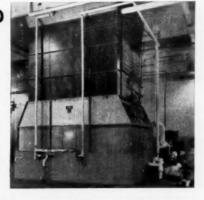
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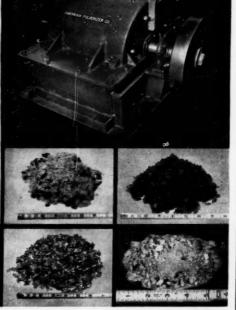
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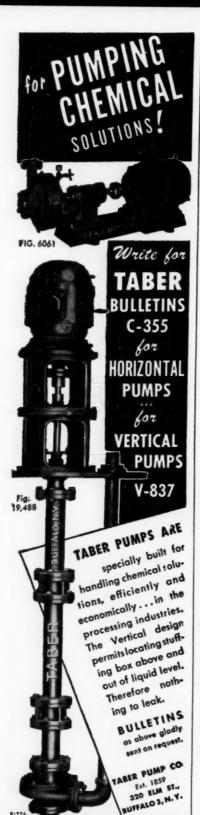
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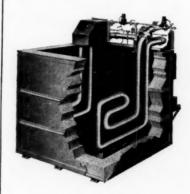
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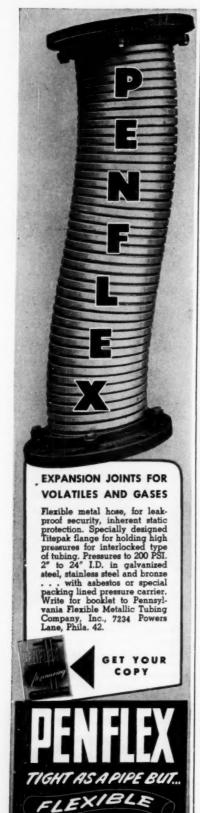
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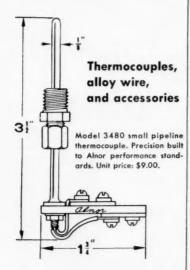
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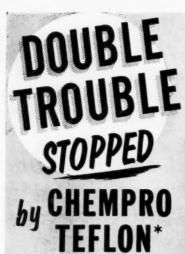


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T237 *Aurora Pump Div.

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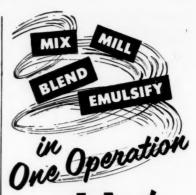
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244B Milburn Co.

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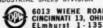


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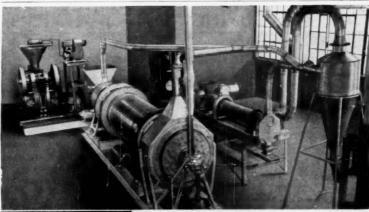
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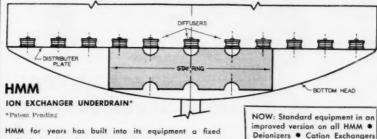
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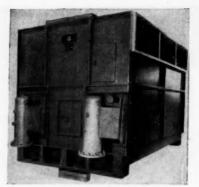
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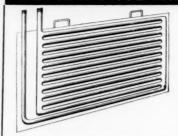
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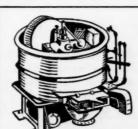
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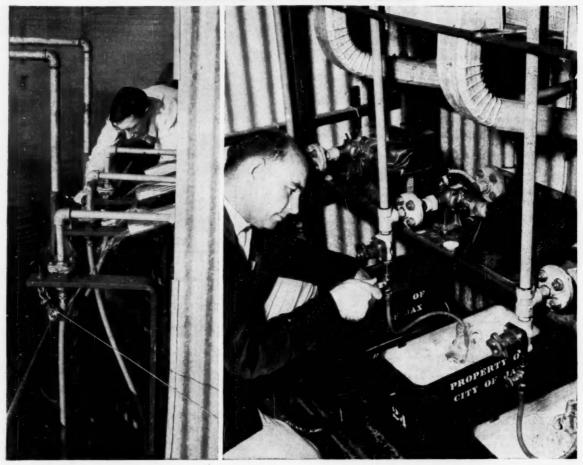
- -Readco Steel Jacketed 25 gal. Double Arm Sigma Blade Vacuum Mixer.
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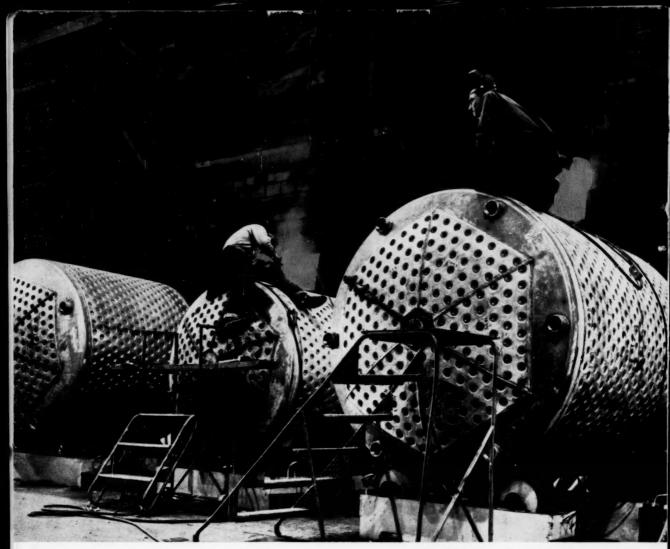
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